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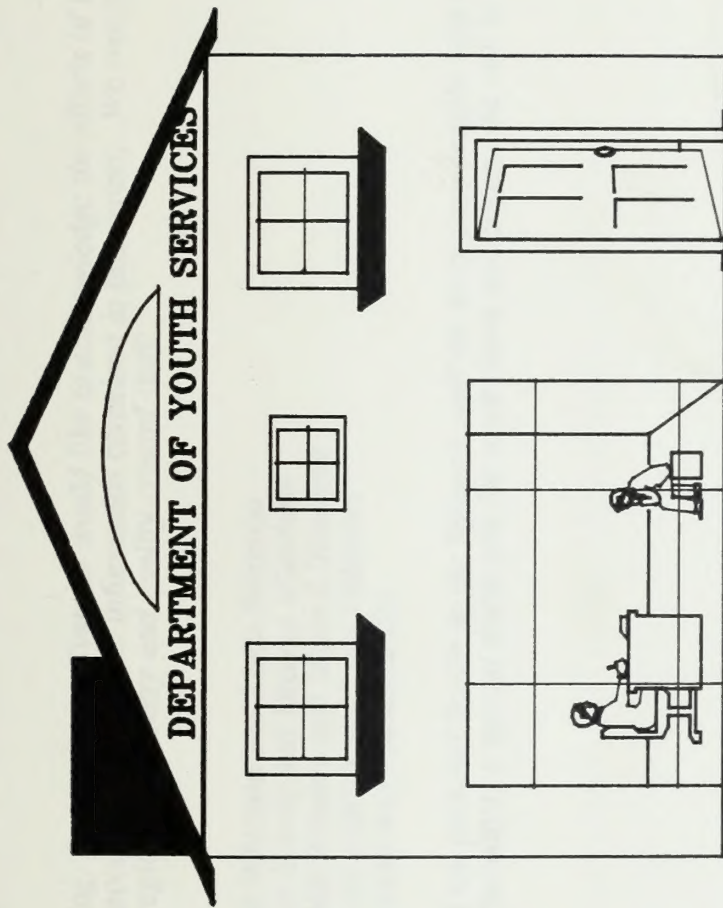
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In the year 1990, the average newly committed youth was white, male and 15.9 years of age. He was committed on a property offense. He came from a single parent family whose average yearly income was \$10,440. He has completed the eighth grade which places him approximately 2 years below grade level.

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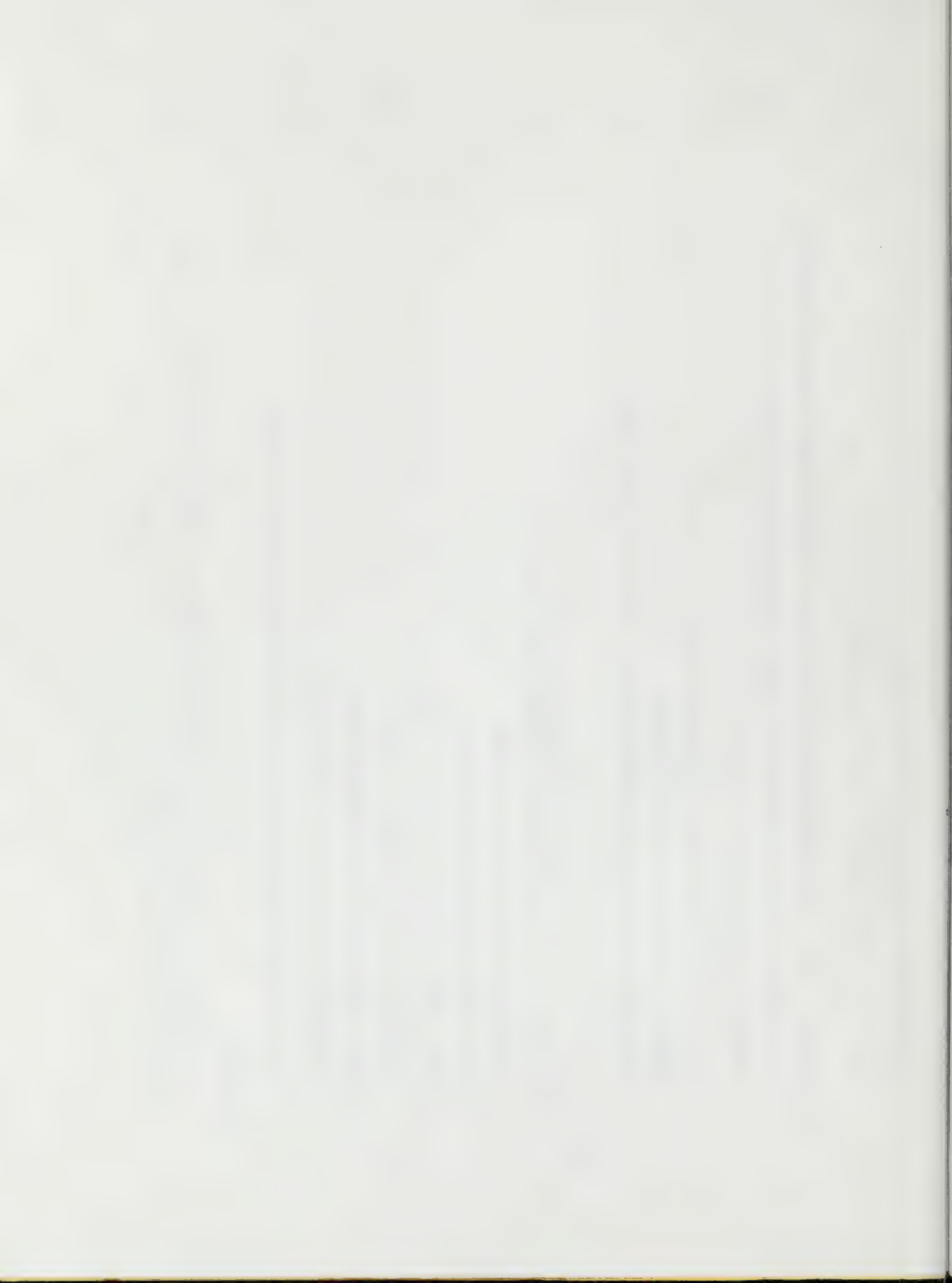
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## INTRODUCTION

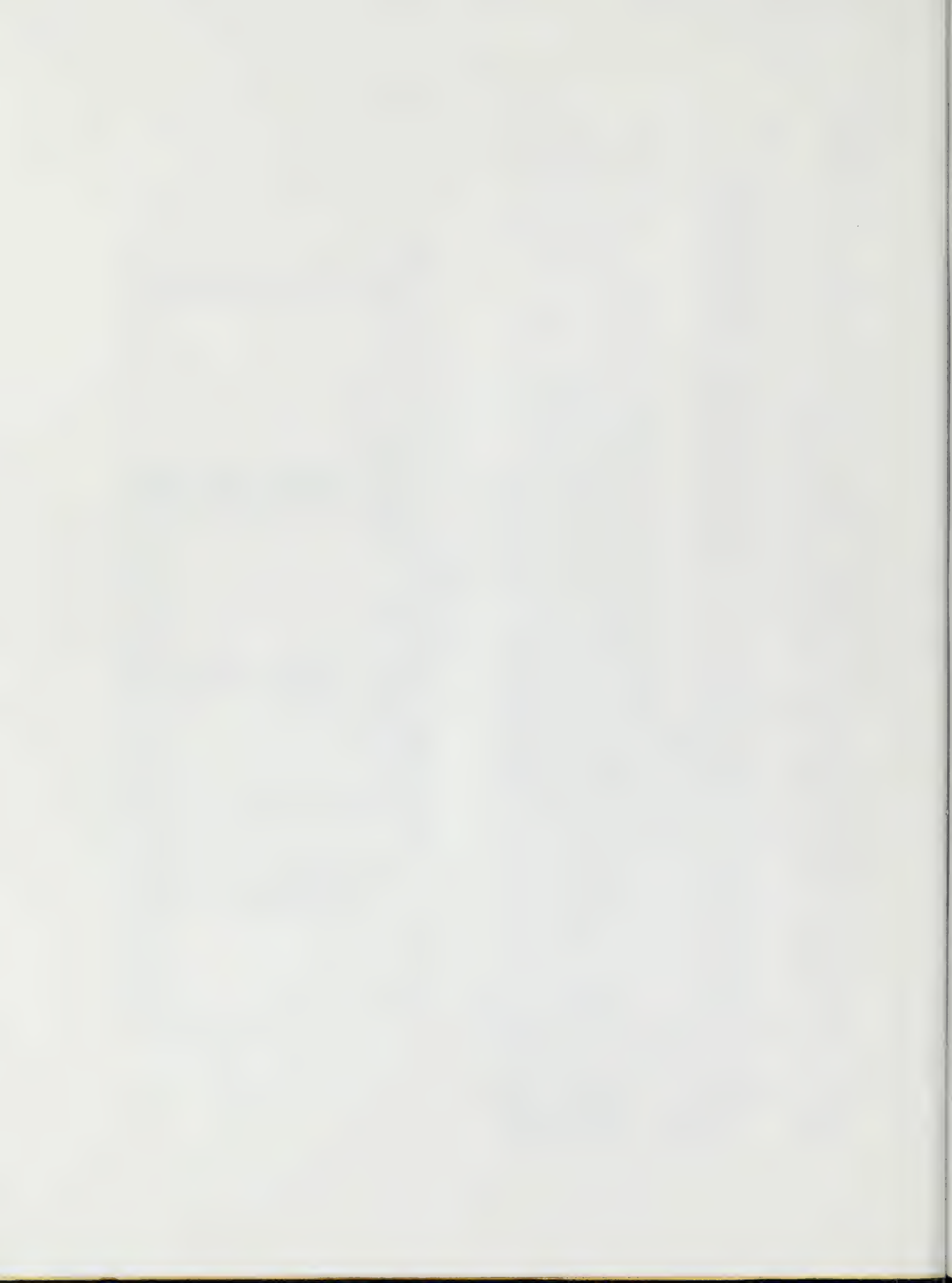
The Bureau of Planning, Research and Systems produces the Analysis of Commitment report annually. This report examines the diverse characteristics of youths newly committed to the Department of Youth Services by year. The data utilized to compile this report was obtained by the regional staff at each youth's intake and was entered into the DYS automated client tracking system. This system assists in providing on-going commitment information to the Department.

The 1990 Analysis of Commitment report is composed of four sections. Section I compares the demographics of youths committed in 1989 with those committed in 1990. Section II displays the 1990 regional variations in youth's demographic information. Section III analyzes the correlations existing between various demographic variables in 1990. Section IV summarizes information historically from 1986 to 1990. The report concludes with an appendix that presents information on youths whose commitments were revised and revoked.

It should be noted that data in this report may not match previous issues of the Analysis of Commitment. Data has been included for the 49 youths who were committed in 1988, 1989 and 1990 whose commitments were subsequently revised and revoked. In addition, throughout the report there are several instances where the data presented does not add to 830 — the total number of youths committed in 1990. In these cases, not all of the demographic information about the youths was available at the time of intake. Missing data are not included in any calculations and therefore do not affect the percentages presented in this report. Data for all 830 youths newly committed in 1990 was available for the following variables: sex, region, race, age court and offense. As compared to previous years, the proportions of data which were missing for 1990 was minimal, and were as follows: family income 6%; last grade completed 3%; parent's marital status 2%.

**TABLE I**  
COMMITMENT RATES, 1982 - 1990

	NUMBER OF YOUTHS COMMITTED	NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS	COMMITMENT RATE
1980	854	25,943	3.3 %
1981	855	22,129	3.9 %
1982	858	20,799	4.1 %
1983	796	18,122	4.4 %
1984	767	18,425	4.2 %
1985	878	19,804	4.4 %
1986	809	19,793	4.1 %
1987	757	18,782	4.0 %
1988	714	18,429	3.9 %
1989	836	18,688	4.5 %
1990	830	18,770	4.4 %

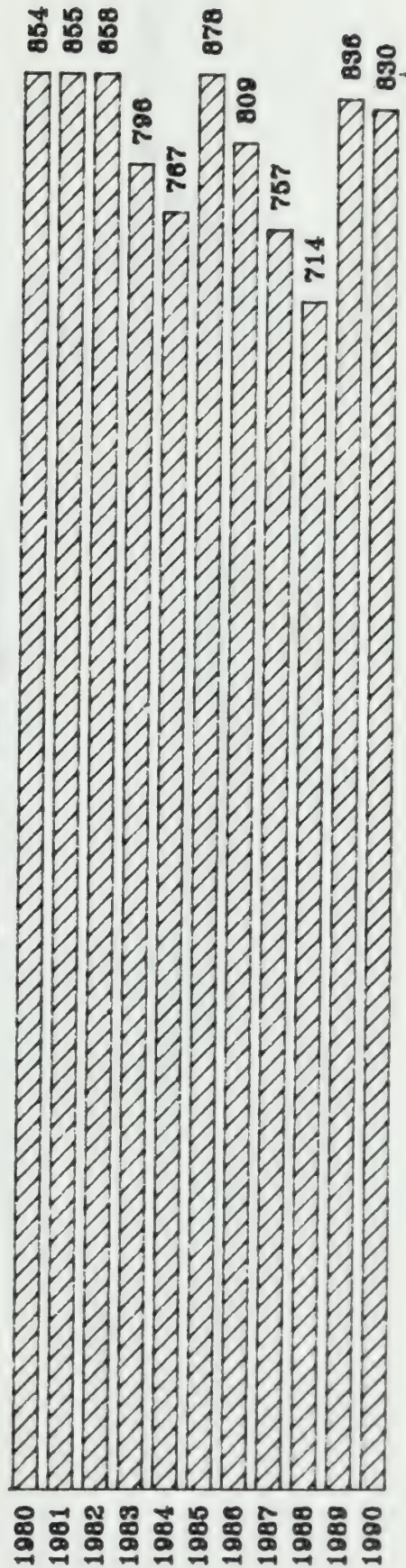




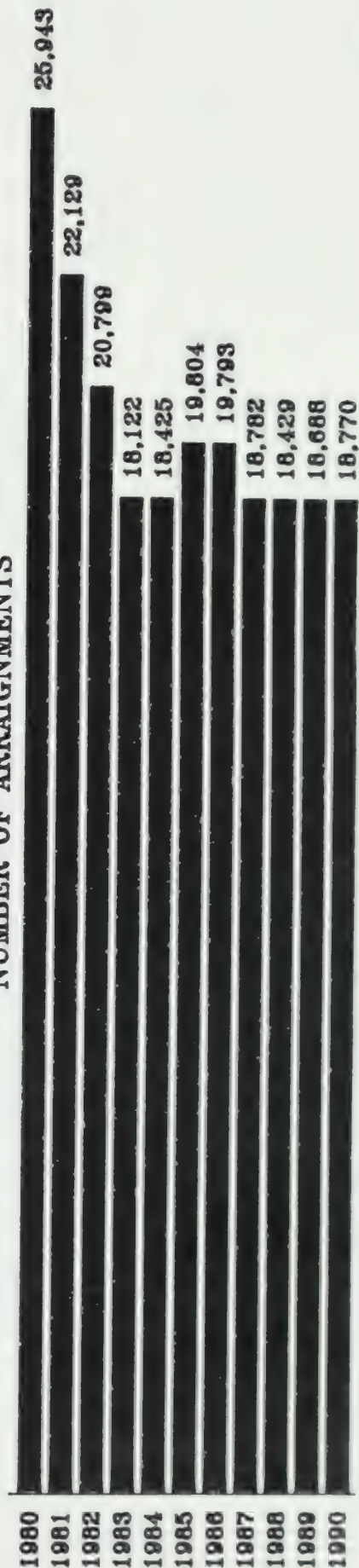
There were 830 youth committed to the Department in 1990. This represents a minute decrease (-.7) in the number of youth committed in 1989. The number of arraignments on the other hand, increased slightly (+.4%) over 1989 figures. Overall, 4.4% of the youth arraigned in Massachusetts juvenile courts in 1990 were committed to the Department.

GRAPH 1  
ARRAIGNMENTS AND NEW COMMITMENTS TO DYS, 1980 - 1990

NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS



NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS







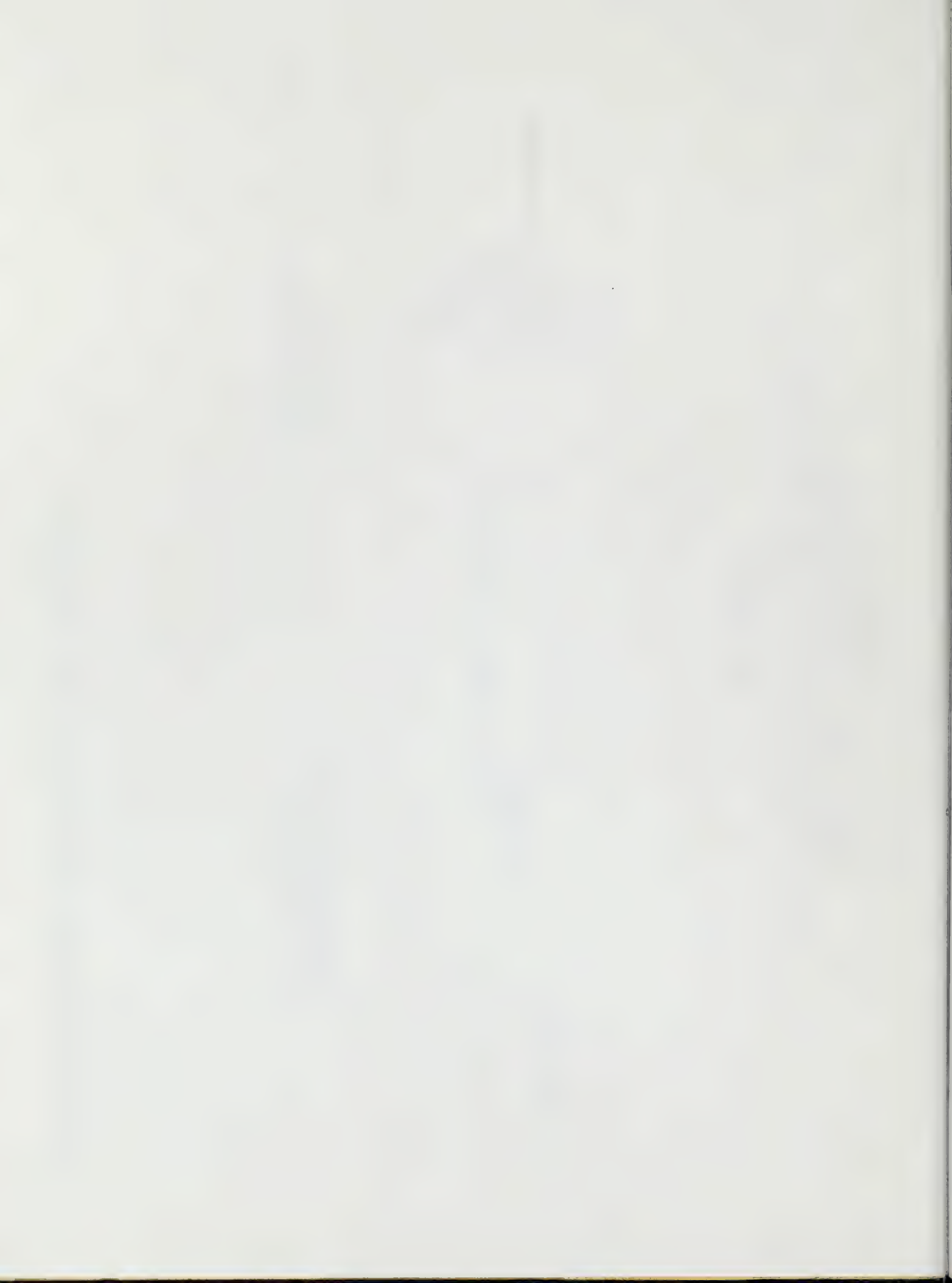
# GRAPH 2 1990 NEW COMMITMENTS AND MASSACHUSETTS AT RISK POPULATION BY RACE



MASSACHUSETTS AT  
RISK POPULATION \*

1990 NEW  
COMMITMENTS

\* At risk population figures are based on 1990 census figures.



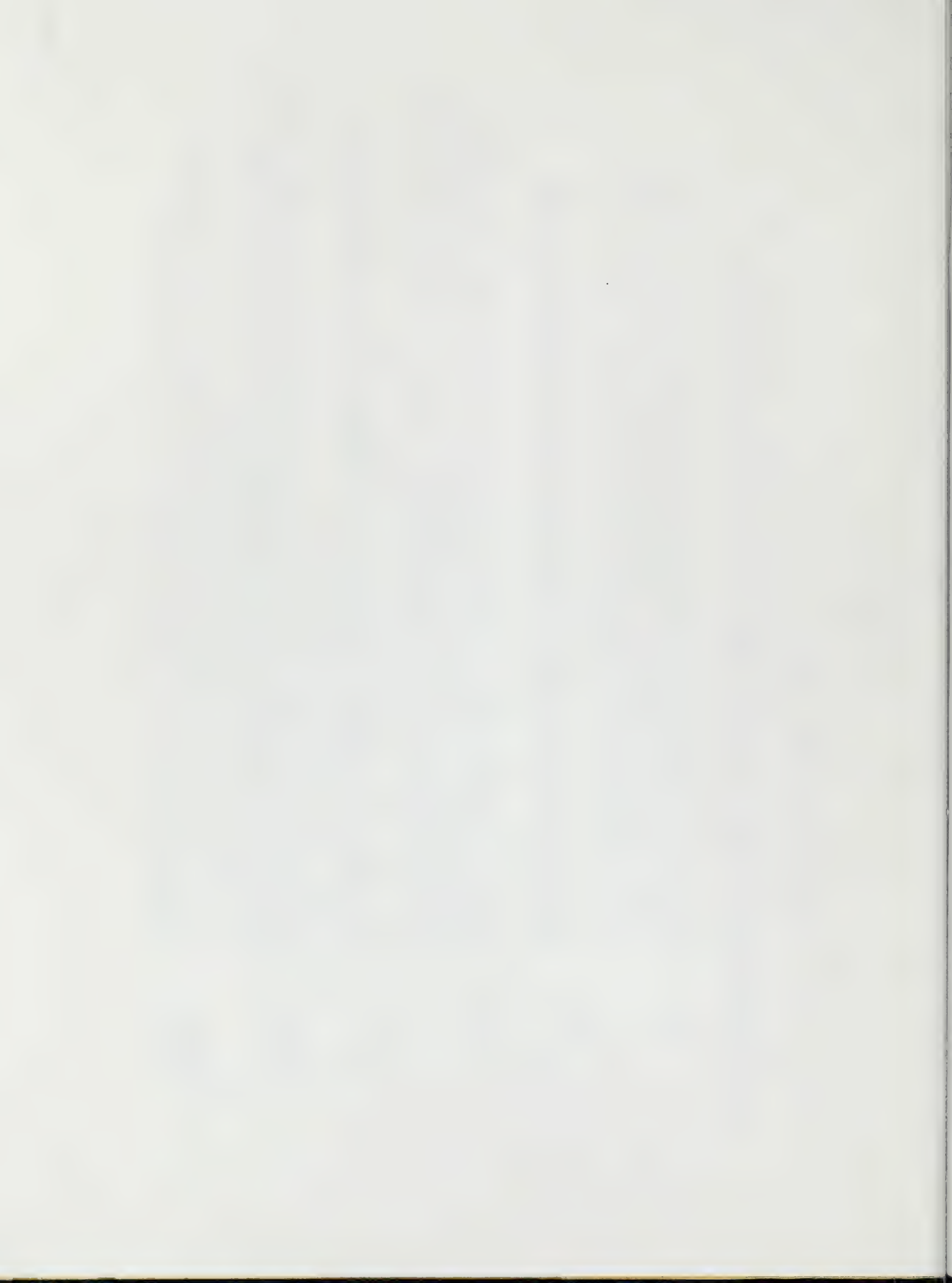


## SECTION I - HIGHLIGHTS

TABLE II - CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS 1988 - 1990

The characteristics of adolescents who were committed in 1990 varied from those committed in 1989. They differ to a greater extent when compared to 1986 data. Table II displays comparative demographic data for 1989 - 1990. It also briefly summarizes changes from 1986.

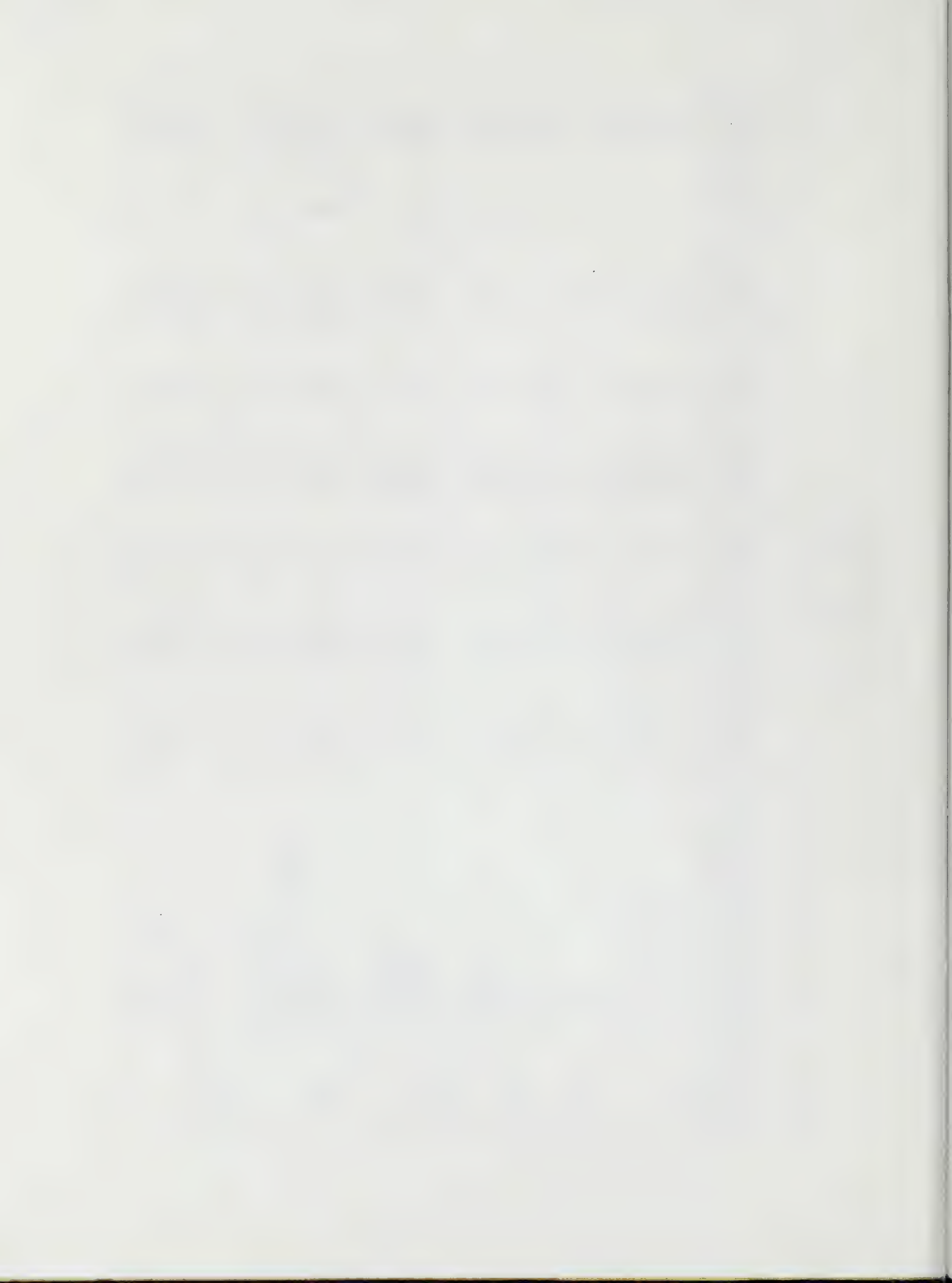
AGE :	The average age of the newly committed youth remains between 15.6 and 16.5 years. However, the number of youth under the age of 12.6 decreased by 50% from 1989. There was also a 9% increase in the youth over the age of 16.6 committed to the Department. By itself this is a small increase, however this age group has increased 34% since 1986, while those in other age categories have decreased or saw minimal increases over the same time span.
SEX :	The proportions of males and females entering the Department in 1990 remains virtually equal to those entering in 1989. Over time, the number of newly committed females has decreased significantly.
RACE :	The number of white youth entering the Department continues its downward decline, while the number of black youth continue to increase. Two years ago the proportion of white newly committed youth was 52%, in 1989 47% and in 1990 43%. The number of black youth, on the other hand, have increased with 28% committed in 1988, 31% in 1989 and 35% in 1990. The number of Hispanic and 'other' youth have fluxuated only 1-3% each year over the same time span.
REGION :	The majority of youth coming into the Department in 1990 were committed to the Metro region. The smallest number was committed to the Northeast region. Overall, the proportion of those committed to the five regions remained the same from 1989.
OFFENSE TYPE :	The highest committing offenses in 1990 remained property (43%), with person offenses coming in second (36%). There was a significant increase in the number of youth entering the Department on drug distribution and possession charges, up 436% and 52% from 1989. There was also a significant increase in the number committed on weapons offenses up 108% from 1989.
FAMILY INCOME :	There were substantial increases in the number of families falling into the majority of family income categories from 1989. The only exception was in the \$5,329 - \$ 7,130 category which was decreased by 6%.



**TABLE II**  
**CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS**  
**1989 - 1990**

	1989		1990		CHANGE 1989-1990		CHANGE 1986-1990	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS</b>	836	100.0%	830	100.0%	-6	-0.7%	34	3.9%
<b>AGE:</b>								
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	10	1.2%	5	0.6%	-5	-50.0%	-2	-28.6%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	26	3.1%	24	2.9%	-2	-7.7%	-5	-17.2%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	79	9.4%	86	10.4%	7	8.9%	3	3.6%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	198	23.7%	175	21.1%	-23	-11.6%	-44	-20.1%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	294	35.2%	290	34.9%	-4	-1.4%	12	4.3%
16.6 +	229	27.4%	250	30.1%	21	9.2%	64	34.4%
<b>SEX:</b>								
MALE	765	91.5%	769	92.7%	4	0.5%	54	7.6%
FEMALE	71	8.5%	61	7.3%	-10	-14.1%	-26	-29.9%
<b>RACE:</b>								
WHITE	395	47.2%	353	42.5%	-42	-10.6%	-162	-31.5%
BLACK	257	30.7%	286	34.5%	29	11.3%	107	59.8%
HISPANIC	165	19.7%	174	21.0%	9	5.5%	75	75.8%
OTHER	19	2.3%	17	2.0%	-2	-10.5%	8	88.9%
<b>REGION:</b>								
WESTERN	185	22.1%	203	24.5%	18	9.7%	56	38.1%
CENTRAL	152	18.2%	139	16.7%	-13	-8.6%	-17	-10.9%
NORTHEAST	140	16.7%	126	15.2%	-14	-10.0%	-26	-17.1%
SOUTHEAST	148	17.7%	140	16.9%	-8	-5.4%	1	0.7%
METRO	211	25.2%	222	26.7%	11	5.2%	14	6.7%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE:</b>								
PERSON	261	33.0%	287	35.8%	26	10.0%	66	29.9%
PROPERTY	394	49.9%	345	43.0%	-49	-12.4%	-90	-20.7%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	49	6.2%	75	9.4%	26	53.1%	61	435.7%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	38	4.8%	32	4.0%	-6	-15.8%	11	52.4%
MOTOR VEHICLE	38	4.8%	36	4.5%	-2	-5.3%	-16	-30.8%
WEAPONS	10	1.2%	27	3.4%	17	170.0%	14	107.7%
PUBLIC ORDER	46	5.5%	29	3.5%	-17	-37.0%	-17	-37.0%
<b>FAMILY INCOME:</b>								
0 - \$5,328	98	18.6%	155	19.8%	57	58.2%	48	44.9%
\$5,329 - \$7,130	50	9.5%	79	10.1%	29	58.0%	-5	-6.0%
\$7,131 - \$10,188	105	20.0%	149	19.0%	44	41.9%	43	40.6%
\$10,189 - \$17,316	115	21.9%	158	20.2%	43	37.4%	37	30.6%
\$17,317 +	158	30.0%	243	31.0%	85	53.8%	69	39.7%





**TABLE III - SPECIFIC COMMITTING OFFENSE**

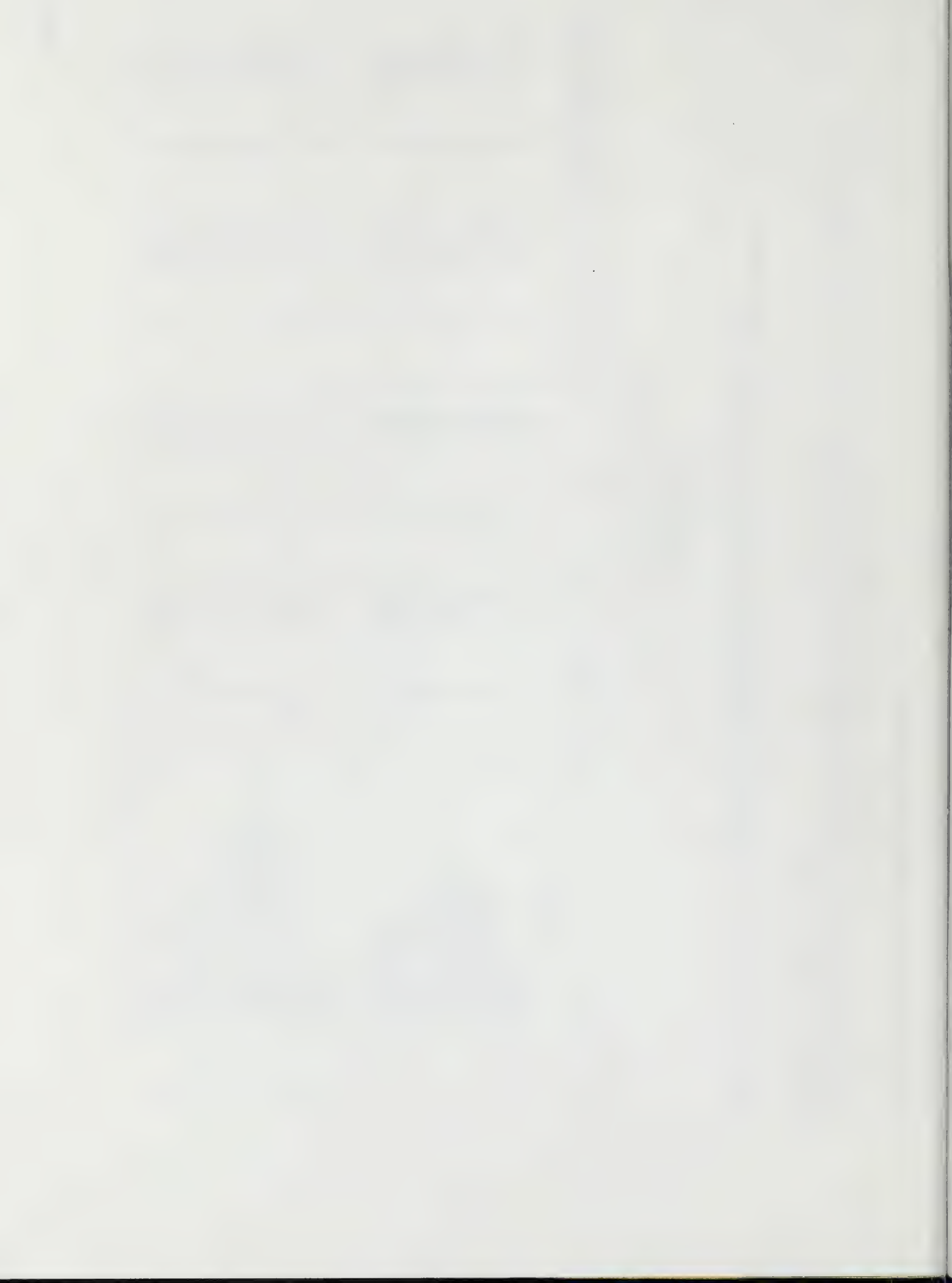
Although property offenses, burglary and possession of burglarious tools, were the highest committing offenses for 1990 the overall number of property offenses decreased during the last year. For example, seven of the eleven property offense categories experienced decreases from 1989, with the burglary, possession of burglarious tools and larceny categories seeing the largest decreases (-28%).

Person offenses, however, are on the rise. There was a 133% increase in the manslaughter offense category from 1989. Increases can also be found in the armed and unarmed assault categories, 37% and 5%, respectively.

**TABLE III**  
**SPECIFIC COMMITTING OFFENSE**  
**1989 - 1990**

OFFENSE	1989		1990		CHANGE 1989 - 1990		CHANGE 1986 - 1990	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
MURDER	3	0.4%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	3	0.4%	7	0.8%	4	133.3%	3	-
ARMED ASSAULT	94	11.2%	129	15.5%	35	37.2%	53	69.7%
UNARMED ASSAULT	79	9.4%	83	10.0%	4	5.1%	23	38.3%
ARMED ROBBERY	14	1.7%	10	1.2%	-4	-28.6%	-3	-23.1%
UNARMED ROBBERY	17	2.0%	8	1.0%	-9	-52.9%	-18	-69.2%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	38	4.5%	38	4.6%	0	0.0%	-1	-2.6%
KIDNAPPING	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	-1	-100.0%
THREATS, ETC.	12	1.4%	9	1.1%	-3	-25.0%	5	125.0%
MAYHEM	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	-1	-100.0%	0	100.0%
ARSON	4	0.5%	11	1.3%	7	175.0%	-8	-42.1%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	162	19.4%	134	16.1%	-28	-17.3%	-31	-18.8%
LARCENY	139	16.6%	111	13.4%	-28	-20.1%	-52	-31.9%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	61	7.3%	65	7.8%	4	6.6%	23	54.8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	26	3.1%	24	2.9%	-2	-7.7%	-20	-45.5%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	49	5.9%	75	9.0%	26	53.1%	61	435.7%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	38	4.5%	32	3.9%	-6	-15.8%	11	52.4%
SEX OFFENSES	3	0.4%	5	0.6%	2	66.7%	0	0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	38	4.5%	36	4.3%	-2	-5.3%	-16	-30.8%
PUBLIC ORDER	53	6.3%	51	6.1%	-2	-3.8%	-3	-5.6%
FRAUD	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%	-2	-100.0%

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS



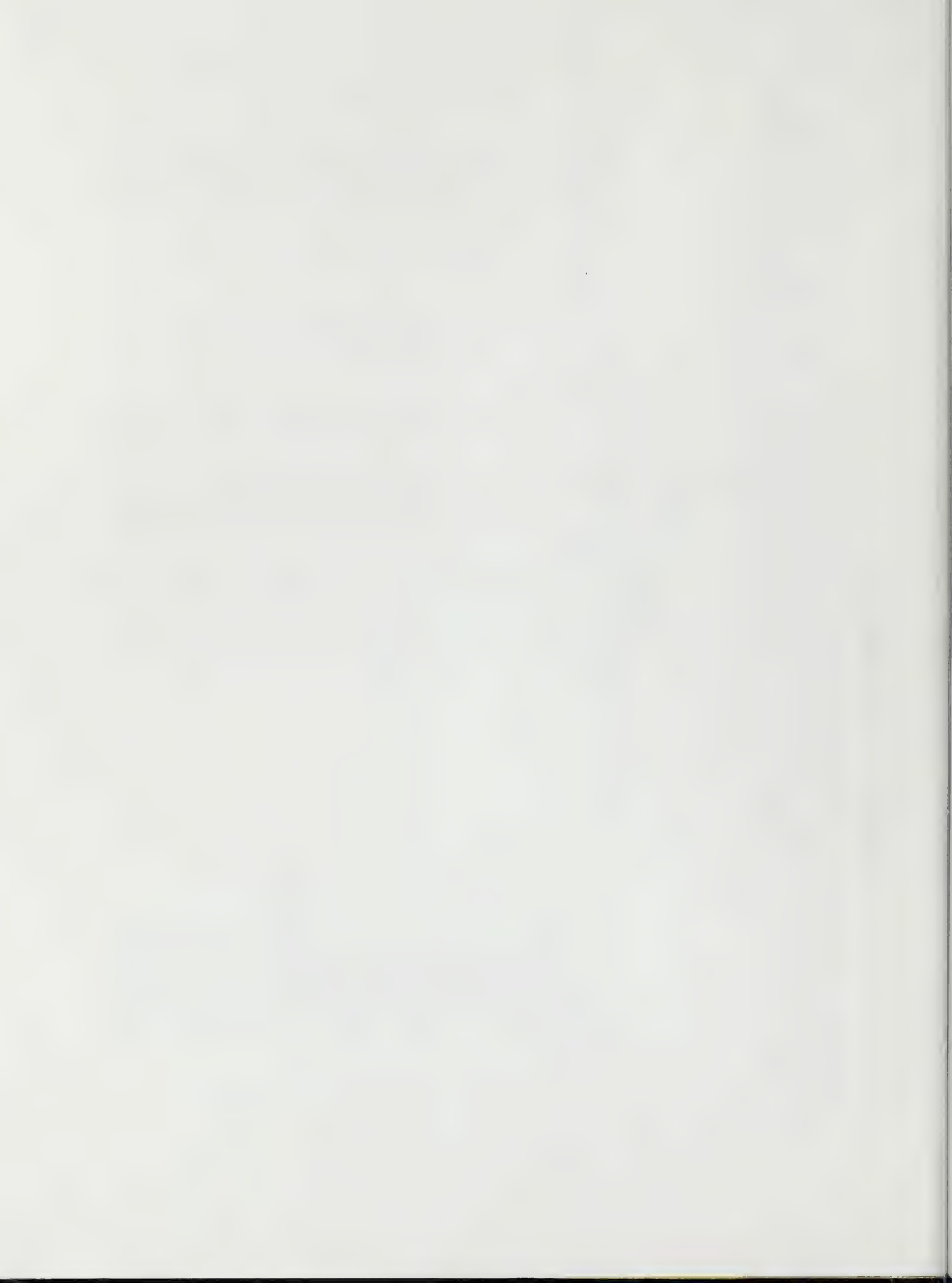


**TABLE IV – HIGHEST CONTRIBUTING COURTS AREAS**

In 1990 twelve courts committed at least twenty youth. These twelve courts were responsible for committing 60% of all youth entering the Department in 1990. Springfield Juvenile Court committed the highest number of youth, 93 or 11% of the total commitments for 1990. For Springfield Juvenile Court, this showed a 12% increase over the number committed in 1989. The largest increase however, was witnessed within the Holyoke Court whose commitments to the Department rose 162% from last year. Conversely, the number of commitments from Worcester Juvenile Court decreased 40% from 1989.

**TABLE IV  
HIGHEST CONTRIBUTING COURTS AREAS 1989 – 1990**

COURT AREAS	1989		1990		1989 – 1990 CHANGE	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
SPRINGFIELD JUVENILE	83	11.6%	93	11.1%	10	12.0%
BOSTON JUVENILE	96	13.4%	77	9.2%	-19	-19.8%
DORCHESTER	38	5.3%	63	7.5%	25	65.8%
ROXBURY	31	4.3%	45	5.4%	14	45.2%
LOWELL	51	7.1%	42	5.0%	-9	-17.6%
HOLYOKE	16	2.2%	42	5.0%	26	162.5%
WORCESTER JUVENILE	44	6.2%	26	3.1%	-18	-40.9%
NEW BEDFORD	33	4.6%	24	2.9%	-9	-27.3%
QUINCY	14	2.0%	23	2.8%	9	64.3%
LAWRENCE	36	5.0%	22	2.6%	-14	-38.9%
BROCKTON	27	3.8%	20	2.4%	-7	-25.9%
FALL RIVER	20	2.8%	20	2.4%	0	0.0%









## SECTION II - HIGHLIGHTS

**TABLE VI - SEX, RACE AND AGE AT COMMITMENT BY REGION**

Of the five regions, the Central and Northeast regions received the highest proportions of committed girls in 1990, 12.2% and 7.9% respectively. Of the remaining regions Western had the lowest percentage of committed girls, who represented 4.9% of it's total committed population.

By race, the majority of youth committed to any given region were white, with the exception of Metro region. Only eleven percent of those committed to the Metro region were non-minority youth. This represents a decrease (-3.4%) in the number of white youth committed to that region in 1989. The Western region had a 10% increase in the number of committed Hispanic youth, while the remaining regions remained the same or experienced decreases.

The majority of youth newly committed in each region were over 15.6 years of age. In three of the five regions this age rose to 16.6 years and over. Less than 20% of all youth committed in 1990 were under 14.5 years of age.

**TABLE VI  
SEX, RACE, AND AGE AT COMMITMENT BY REGION**

	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
SEX:										
MALE	193	25.1% 95.1%	122	15.9% 87.8%	116	15.1% 92.1%	132	17.2% 94.3%	206	26.8% 92.8%
FEMALE	10	16.4% 4.9%	17	27.9% 12.2%	10	16.4% 7.9%	8	13.1% 5.7%	16	26.2% 7.2%
RACE:										
WHITE	77	21.8% 37.9%	85	24.1% 61.2%	72	20.4% 57.1%	95	26.9% 67.9%	24	6.8% 10.8%
BLACK	52	18.2% 25.6%	12	4.2% 8.6%	26	9.1% 20.6%	32	11.2% 22.9%	164	57.3% 73.9%
HISPANIC	69	39.7% 34.0%	37	21.3% 26.6%	27	15.5% 21.4%	11	6.3% 7.9%	30	17.2% 13.5%
OTHER	5	29.4% 2.5%	5	29.4% 3.6%	1	5.9% 0.8%	2	11.8% 1.4%	4	23.5% 1.8%
AGE AT COMMITMENT:										
9.0 - 12.5	2	40.0% 1.0%	2	40.0% 1.4%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	1	20.0% 0.5%
12.6 - 13.5	9	37.5% 4.4%	6	25.0% 4.3%	2	8.3% 1.6%	3	12.5% 2.1%	4	16.7% 1.8%
13.6 - 14.5	23	26.7% 11.3%	13	15.1% 9.4%	13	15.1% 10.3%	20	23.3% 14.3%	17	19.8% 7.7%
14.6 - 15.5	45	25.7% 22.2%	29	16.6% 20.9%	31	17.7% 24.6%	26	14.9% 18.6%	44	25.1% 19.8%
15.6 - 16.5	81	27.9% 39.9%	42	14.5% 30.2%	37	12.8% 29.4%	36	12.4% 25.7%	94	32.4% 42.3%
16.6 + OVER	43	17.2% 21.2%	47	18.8% 33.8%	43	17.2% 34.1%	55	22.0% 39.3%	62	24.8% 27.9%

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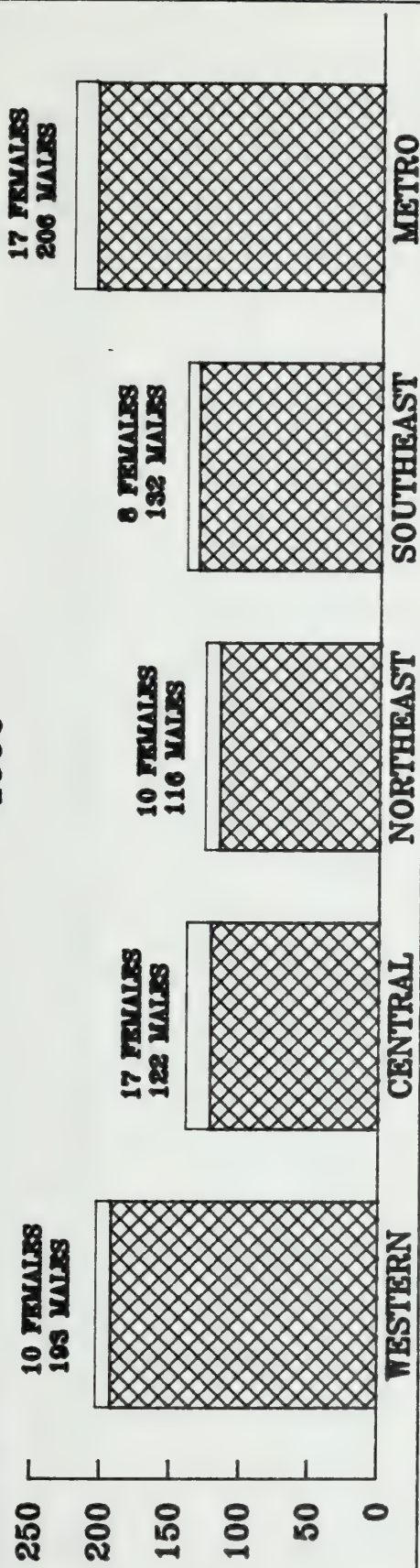
WESTERN REGION	In 1990 there were 193 males newly committed to the Western region. These males represent 25.1% of all the males committed in 1990. These 193 males also represent 95.1% of all new commitments in the Western region.
SEX:	
MALE	193 25.1% 95.1%



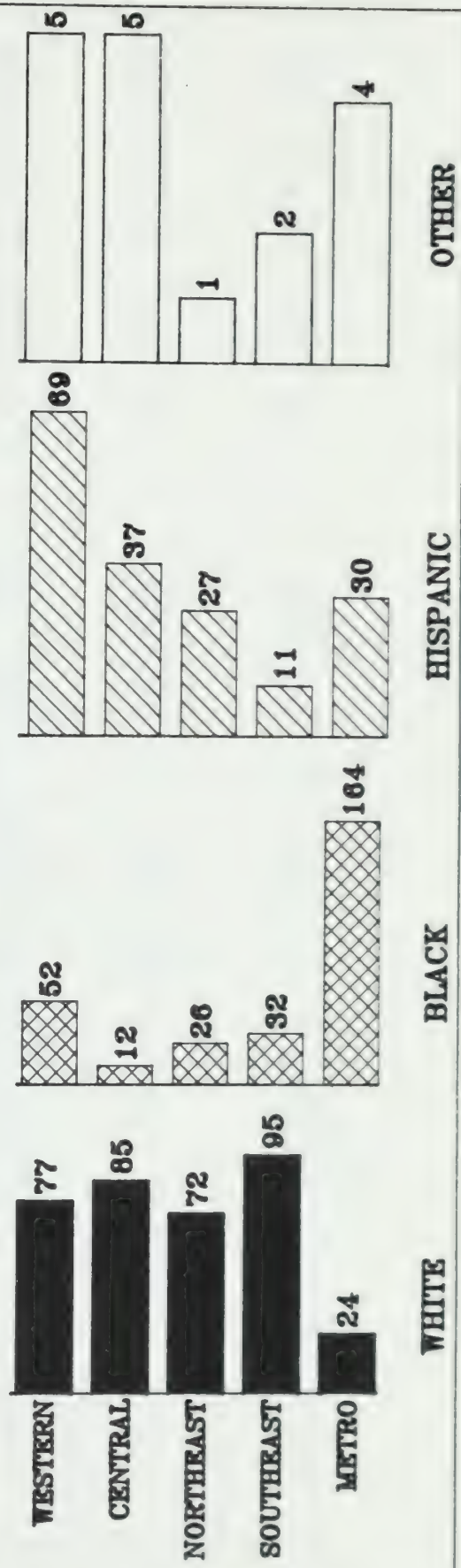


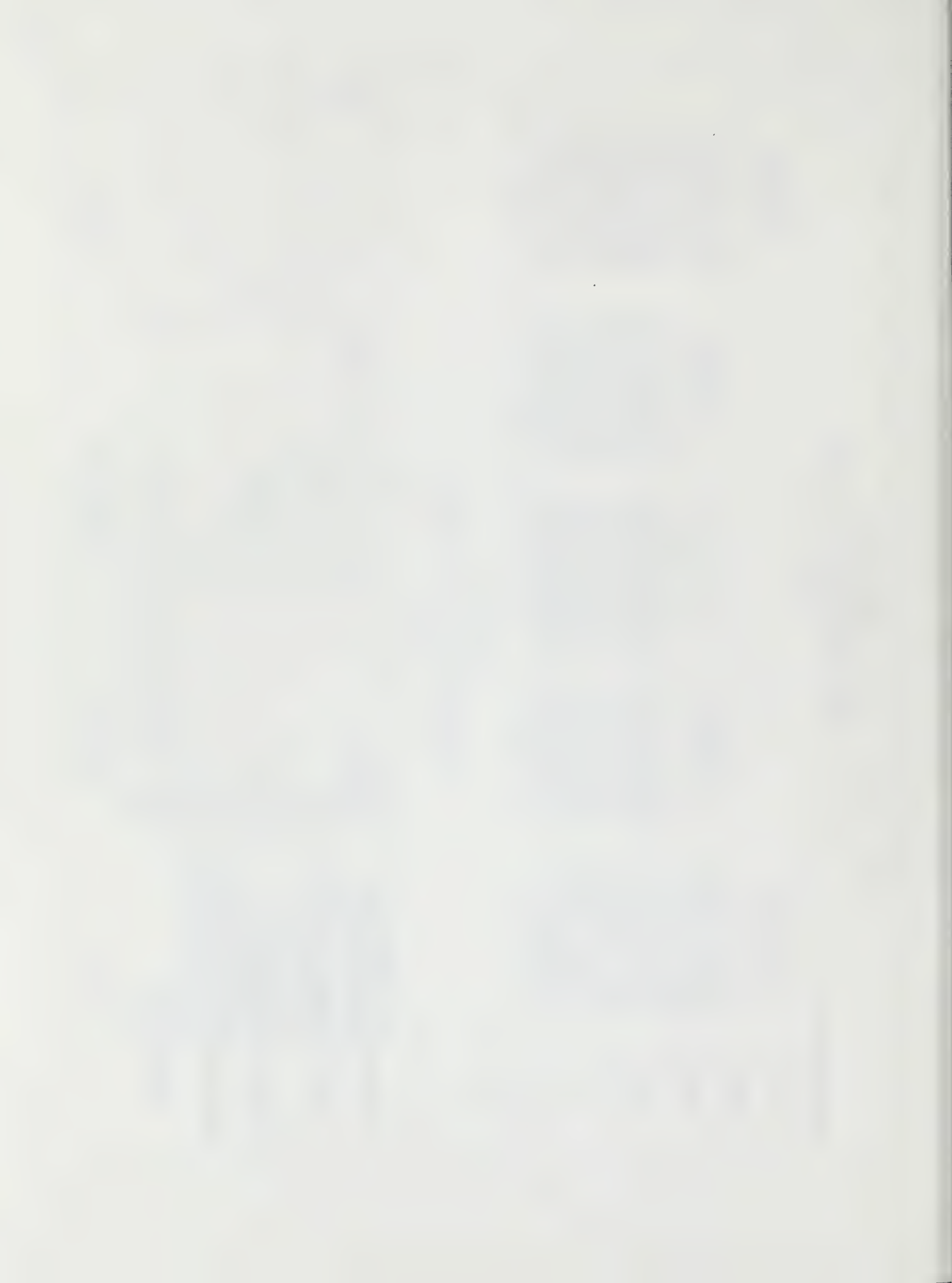
**GRAPH 3  
COMMITMENTS BY SEX  
1990**

**COMMITMENTS**



**GRAPH 4  
COMMITMENTS BY RACE  
1990**





**TABLE VII – RACE AND SEX BY REGION**

As seen in previous years the highest proportion of white males newly committed in 1990 were committed to the Southeast region (28%). Also as in 1989, Metro region received over half (56%) of the black males committed to the Department. Finally Hispanic males were again most frequently committed to the Western region.

In 1990 the Central region received the largest number of white committed females (36%), while the Metro region received only 16%. Finally, Hispanic females were more frequently committed to the Central region (56%) and Black females to the Metro region (73.7%).

**TABLE VII  
RACE AND SEX BY REGION**

	WESTERN			CENTRAL			NORTHEAST			SOUTHEAST			METRO		
	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %
WHITE:															
MALE	71	22.2%	35.0%	73	22.8%	52.5%	65	20.3%	51.6%	89	27.8%	63.6%	22	6.9%	9.9%
FEMALE	6	18.2%	3.0%	12	36.4%	8.6%	7	21.2%	5.6%	6	18.2%	4.3%	2	6.1%	0.9%
BLACK:															
MALE	51	19.1%	25.1%	12	4.5%	8.6%	24	9.0%	19.0%	30	11.2%	21.4%	150	56.2%	67.6%
FEMALE	1	5.3%	0.5%	0	0.0%	0.0%	2	10.5%	1.6%	2	10.5%	1.4%	14	73.7%	6.3%
HISPANIC:															
MALE	66	40.0%	32.5%	32	19.4%	23.0%	26	15.8%	20.6%	11	6.7%	7.9%	30	18.2%	13.5%
FEMALE	3	33.3%	1.5%	5	55.6%	3.6%	1	11.1%	0.8%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER:															
MALE	5	29.4%	2.5%	5	29.4%	3.6%	1	5.9%	0.8%	2	11.8%	1.4%	4	23.5%	1.8%
FEMALE	0	-	0.0%	0	-	0.0%	0	-	0.0%	0	-	0.0%	0	-	0.0%





**TABLE VIII - AGE AND INCOME BY REGION**

Ages of newly committed youth continue to vary between regions. When examining ages of new commits, there is a 5 month difference between the lowest and the highest average age (Western region at 15.7 and the Northeast and Metro regions at 16.0). The youngest youth committed in 1990 came from the Western region and was 10.3 years of age. The oldest was from the Metro region and was 18.3 years of age.

The median family incomes ranged from \$7,200 in the Metro region to \$14,400 in the Central region. With the exception of the Southeast region whose median income was reduced by \$5,279, every region experienced a rise in median family incomes.

Within 3 of the 5 regions the highest family income reported has changed significantly since 1989. The highest income reported in the Western region rose \$31,188 from last year. Similarly, the highest income rose + \$44,116 in the Southeast region and + \$4,200 in the Metro region.

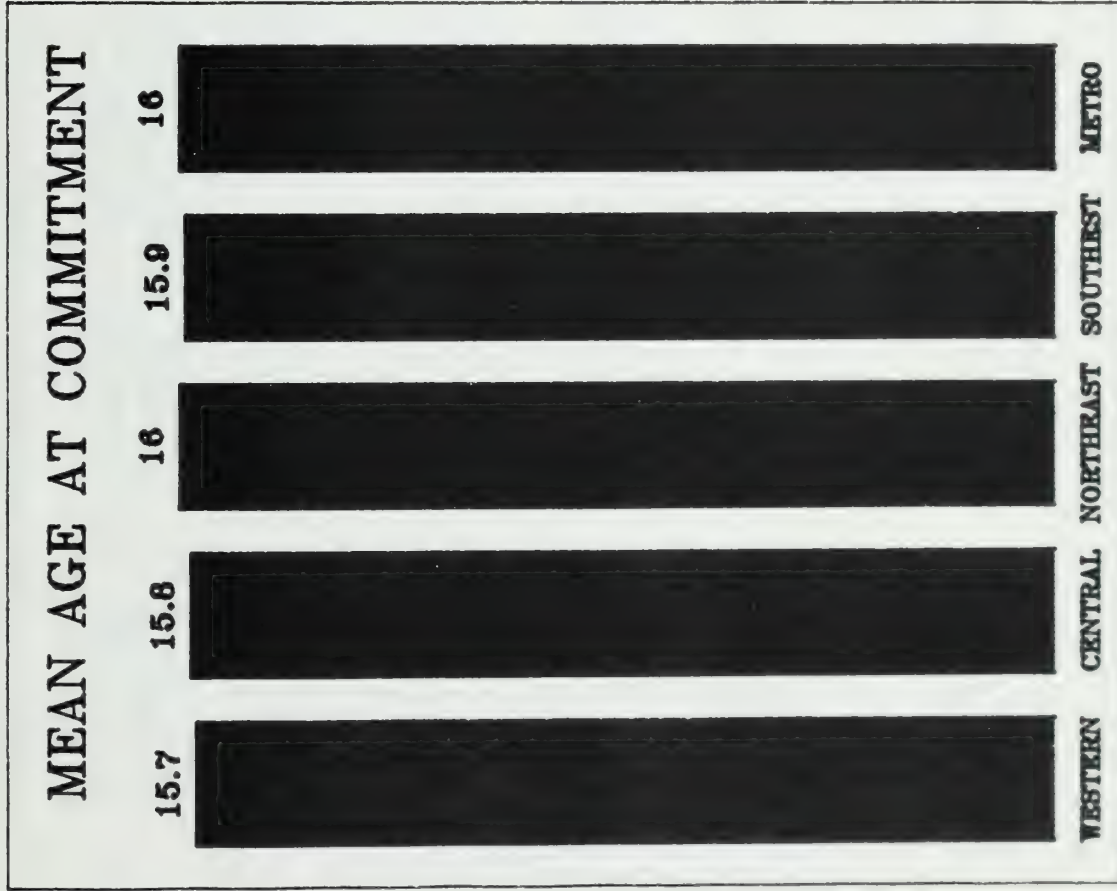
**TABLE VIII  
AGE AND INCOME BY REGION**

	WESTERN	CENTRAL	NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	METRO	STATEWIDE AVERAGE
AGE:						
MEAN AGE	15.7	15.8	16.0	15.9	16.0	15.9
MEDIAN AGE	15.9	16.1	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.1
LOWEST AGE	10.3	12.1	13.2	13.1	13.0	10.3
HIGHEST AGE	17.9	17.5	17.8	17.7	18.3	18.2
INCOME:						
MEAN INCOME	\$14,053	\$19,083	\$19,360	\$16,799	\$9,499	\$14,827
MEDIAN INCOME	\$10,548	\$14,400	\$13,000	\$12,229	\$7,200	\$10,440
LOWEST INCOME	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HIGHEST INCOME	\$80,000	\$83,000	\$99,999 +	\$94,116 +	\$90,000	\$99,999 +

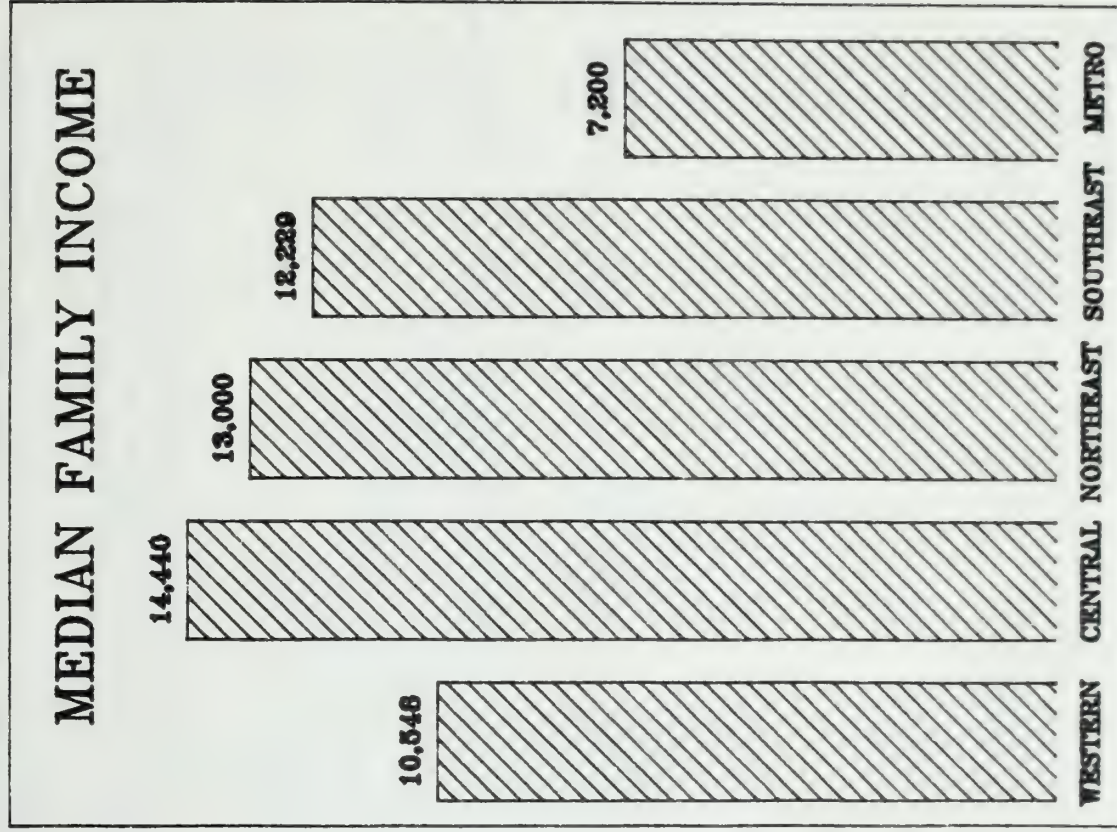




**GRAPH 5**  
**AGE BY REGION**



**GRAPH 6**  
**FAMILY INCOME BY REGION**





**TABLE IX – OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

In 1990, with the exception of the Metro region, property offenses were the highest committing offense within any region. For the Metro region they were person offenses. The Northeast region was the only region which did not experience a rise in the number of drug distribution offenses when compared to 1989 figures.

Within regions, the largest changes in offense categories were: A 19% rise in drug distribution commitments for the Western region; a 15% increase in motor vehicle offenses for the Central region; drug possession and motor vehicle offenses decreased 15% and 17% respectively in the Northeast region; a 300% increase in weapons offenses in the Southeast region; and a 21% increase in possession of drug offenses in the Metro region.

**TABLE IX  
OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

	WESTERN			CENTRAL			NORTHEAST			SOUTHEAST			METRO		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
OFFENSE TYPE:															
AGAINST PERSON	68	23.8%	33.5%	40	14.0%	28.8%	50	17.5%	39.7%	44	15.4%	31.4%	84	29.4%	37.8%
AGAINST PROPERTY	84	24.3%	41.4%	71	20.6%	51.1%	60	17.4%	47.6%	73	21.2%	52.1%	57	16.5%	25.7%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	37	49.3%	18.2%	5	6.7%	3.6%	1	1.3%	0.8%	8	10.7%	5.7%	24	32.0%	10.8%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	5	15.6%	2.5%	3	9.4%	2.2%	2	6.3%	1.6%	1	3.1%	0.7%	21	65.6%	9.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	8.3%	1.5%	12	33.3%	8.6%	5	13.9%	4.0%	7	19.4%	5.0%	9	25.0%	4.1%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	3.7%	0.7%	1	3.7%	0.8%	3	11.1%	2.1%	22	81.5%	9.9%
PUBLIC ORDER	6	20.7%	3.0%	7	24.1%	5.0%	7	24.1%	5.6%	4	13.8%	2.9%	5	17.2%	2.3%





GRAPH 7  
OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION  
1990

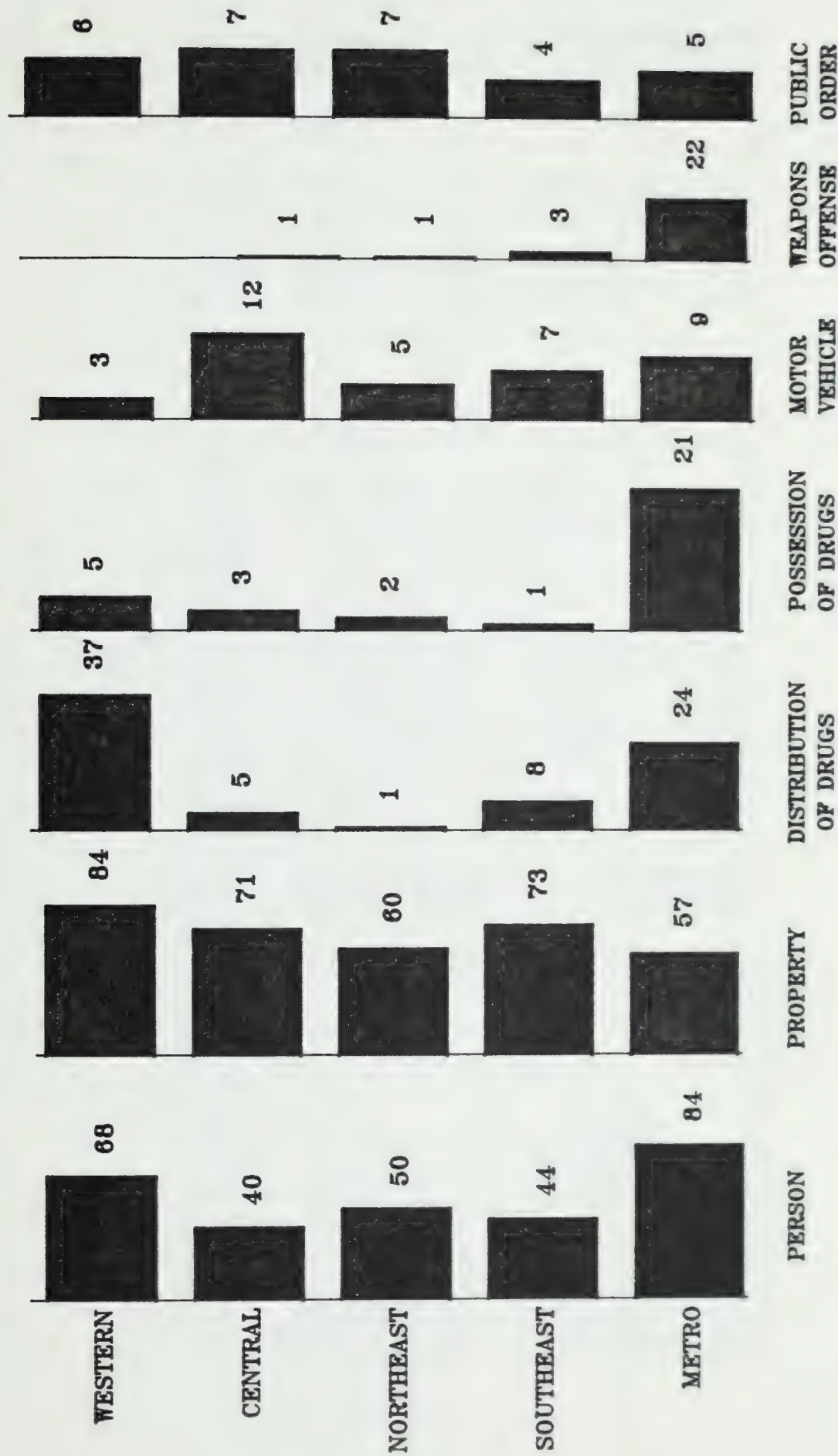




TABLE X - SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION

While excluding sexual assault offenses, the highest number of newly committed youth in every person offense category were committed in the Metro region. The largest number of youth committed on sexual offense charges can be found in the Western region. The majority of youth committed on drug offenses were found in the Western and Metro regions. Forty-nine percent of those committed on distribution charges were committed to the Western region and 66% of those committed on possession charges were committed to the Metro region. Within the remaining regions assorted property crimes represented the highest committing offenses.

TABLE X

OFFENSE	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
MURDER	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	3	100.0% 1.4%
MANSLAUGHTER	1	14.3% 0.5%	1	14.3% 0.7%	1	14.3% 0.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%	4	57.1% 1.8%
ARMED ASSAULT	35	27.1% 17.2%	15	11.6% 10.5%	23	17.8% 18.3%	19	14.7% 13.6%	37	28.7% 16.7%
UNARMED ASSAULT	18	20.7% 8.9%	18	20.7% 12.6%	13	14.9% 10.3%	16	18.4% 11.4%	22	25.3% 9.9%
ARMED ROBBERY	1	10.0% 0.5%	1	10.0% 0.7%	1	10.0% 0.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%	7	70.0% 3.2%
UNARMED ROBBERY	1	12.5% 0.5%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	25.0% 1.6%	0	0.0% 0.0%	5	62.5% 2.3%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	11	29.7% 5.4%	8	21.6% 5.6%	8	21.6% 6.3%	7	18.9% 5.0%	3	8.1% 1.4%
KIDNAPPING	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%
THREATS, ETC.	1	11.1% 0.5%	1	12.5% 0.7%	2	22.2% 1.6%	2	22.2% 1.4%	3	33.3% 1.4%
MAYHEM	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%
ARSON	4	36.4% 2.0%	3	27.3% 2.1%	1	9.1% 0.8%	2	18.2% 1.4%	1	9.1% 0.5%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	35	26.1% 17.2%	36	26.9% 25.2%	24	17.9% 19.0%	33	24.6% 23.6%	6	4.5% 2.7%
LARCENY	23	20.7% 11.3%	18	16.2% 12.6%	16	14.4% 12.7%	30	27.0% 21.4%	24	21.6% 10.8%
REC. STOLEN PROPERTY	20	30.8% 9.9%	10	15.4% 7.0%	12	18.5% 9.5%	3	4.6% 2.1%	20	30.8% 9.0%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	8.3% 1.0%	4	16.7% 2.8%	7	29.2% 5.6%	5	20.8% 3.6%	6	25.0% 2.7%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	37	49.3% 18.2%	5	6.7% 3.5%	1	1.3% 0.8%	8	10.7% 5.7%	24	32.0% 10.8%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	5	15.6% 2.5%	3	9.4% 2.1%	2	6.3% 1.6%	1	3.1% 0.7%	21	65.6% 9.5%
SEX OFFENSES	2	40.0% 1.0%	1	20.0% 0.7%	1	20.0% 0.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%	1	20.0% 0.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	8.3% 1.5%	12	33.3% 8.4%	5	13.9% 4.0%	7	19.4% 5.0%	9	25.0% 4.1%
PUBLIC ORDER	4	7.8% 2.0%	7	13.7% 4.9%	7	13.7% 5.6%	7	13.7% 5.0%	26	51.0% 11.7%
FRAUD	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS





TABLE XI – MONTH OF COMMITMENT BY REGION

The number of youths committed to each region monthly continues to vary slightly throughout the year.

TABLE XI

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MONTH OF COMMITMENT	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO		TOTAL	
	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %
TOTAL	203	100.0%	139	100.0%	126	100.0%	140	100.0%	222	100.0%	830	100.0%
JANUARY	18	8.9%	15	10.8%	12	9.5%	9	6.4%	24	10.8%	78	9.4%
FEBRUARY	17	8.4%	10	7.2%	9	7.1%	12	8.6%	20	9.0%	68	8.2%
MARCH	19	9.4%	15	10.8%	12	9.5%	16	11.4%	16	7.2%	78	9.4%
1ST QUARTER	54	26.6%	40	28.8%	33	26.2%	37	26.4%	60	27.0%	224	27.0%
APRIL	13	6.4%	16	11.5%	11	8.7%	14	10.0%	19	8.6%	73	8.8%
MAY	17	8.4%	6	4.3%	9	7.1%	9	6.4%	24	10.8%	65	7.8%
JUNE	10	4.9%	3	2.2%	12	9.5%	12	8.6%	14	6.3%	51	6.1%
2ND QUARTER	40	19.7%	25	18.0%	32	25.4%	35	25.0%	57	25.7%	189	22.8%
JULY	19	9.4%	9	6.5%	12	9.5%	13	9.3%	16	7.2%	69	8.3%
AUGUST	12	5.9%	17	12.2%	7	5.6%	9	6.4%	14	6.3%	59	7.1%
SEPTEMBER	18	8.9%	12	8.6%	16	12.7%	8	5.7%	17	7.7%	71	8.6%
3RD QUARTER	49	24.1%	38	27.3%	35	27.8%	30	21.4%	47	21.2%	199	24.0%
OCTOBER	23	11.3%	9	6.5%	13	10.3%	19	13.6%	22	9.9%	86	10.4%
NOVEMBER	21	10.3%	15	10.8%	7	5.6%	8	5.7%	22	9.9%	73	8.8%
DECEMBER	16	7.9%	12	8.6%	6	4.8%	11	7.9%	14	6.3%	59	7.1%
4TH QUARTER	60	29.6%	36	25.9%	26	20.6%	38	27.1%	58	26.1%	218	26.3%



**TABLE XII - LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION**

Across all regions, the average grade completed by a youth newly committed to the Department was the 8th. Thirty-three percent of those newly committed completed over the 8th grade and less than 3% completed fewer than 6 grades. The Southeast region had the highest percentage of youth completing less than the eighth grade (28%). The Metro region had the highest percentage of youth completing over the ninth grade.

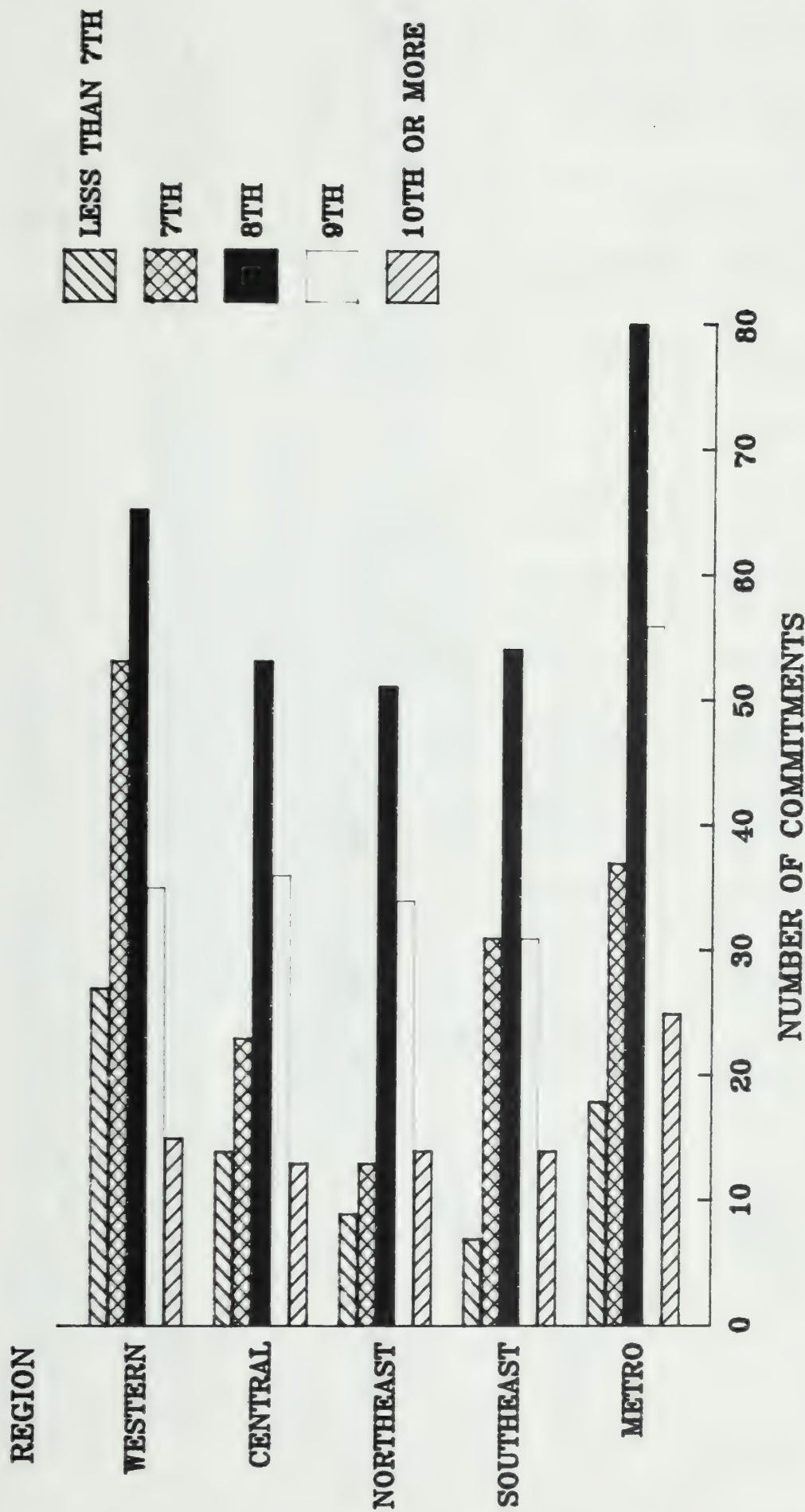
**TABLE XII  
LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION**

	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
<b>LAST GRADE COMPLETED:</b>										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>24.1% 100.0%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>17.2% 100.0%</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>15.0% 100.0%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>17.0% 100.0%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>26.7% 100.0%</b>
<b>4TH OR LESS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60.0% 1.5%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0% 0.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20.0% 0.8%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0% 0.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20.0% 0.5%</b>
<b>5TH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29.4% 2.6%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23.5% 2.9%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.9% 0.8%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.9% 0.7%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>35.3% 2.8%</b>
<b>6TH</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35.8% 9.7%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18.9% 7.2%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13.2% 5.8%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11.3% 4.4%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20.8% 5.1%</b>
<b>7TH</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>33.8% 27.2%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14.6% 16.5%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8.3% 10.7%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19.7% 22.6%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23.6% 17.1%</b>
<b>8TH</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>21.5% 33.3%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17.5% 38.1%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>16.8% 42.1%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17.8% 39.4%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>26.4% 37.0%</b>
<b>9TH</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18.2% 17.9%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18.8% 25.9%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17.7% 28.1%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16.1% 22.6%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>29.2% 25.9%</b>
<b>10TH</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19.1% 6.7%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16.2% 7.9%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14.7% 8.3%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16.2% 8.0%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33.8% 10.6%</b>
<b>11TH OR MORE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15.4% 1.0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15.4% 1.4%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30.8% 3.3%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23.1% 2.2%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15.4% 0.9%</b>





**GRAPH 8**  
**LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION**  
**1990**





## SECTION III - HIGHLIGHTS

**TABLE XIII - SEX, OFFENSE TYPE AND REGION BY PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS**

The majority of youth (41 %) committed to the Department in 1990 came from homes where parents were divorced or separated. An additional thirty-two percent, came from homes where the parents were never married.

The proportion of divorced and/or separated parents are just about equal between the sexes. However, male youth are slightly more likely to come from intact families 15.1% versus 11.7%. Female youth are also more likely to come from families where the parents were never married.

The Central and Northeast regions had the highest instances where the parents were married and living together, 29% and 28% respectively. The Western and Central regions, on the other hand, had the highest instances of separated and divorced parents. Youth committed in the Metro region had the highest parent mortality rate at 26% of the total population of youth with deceased parents.

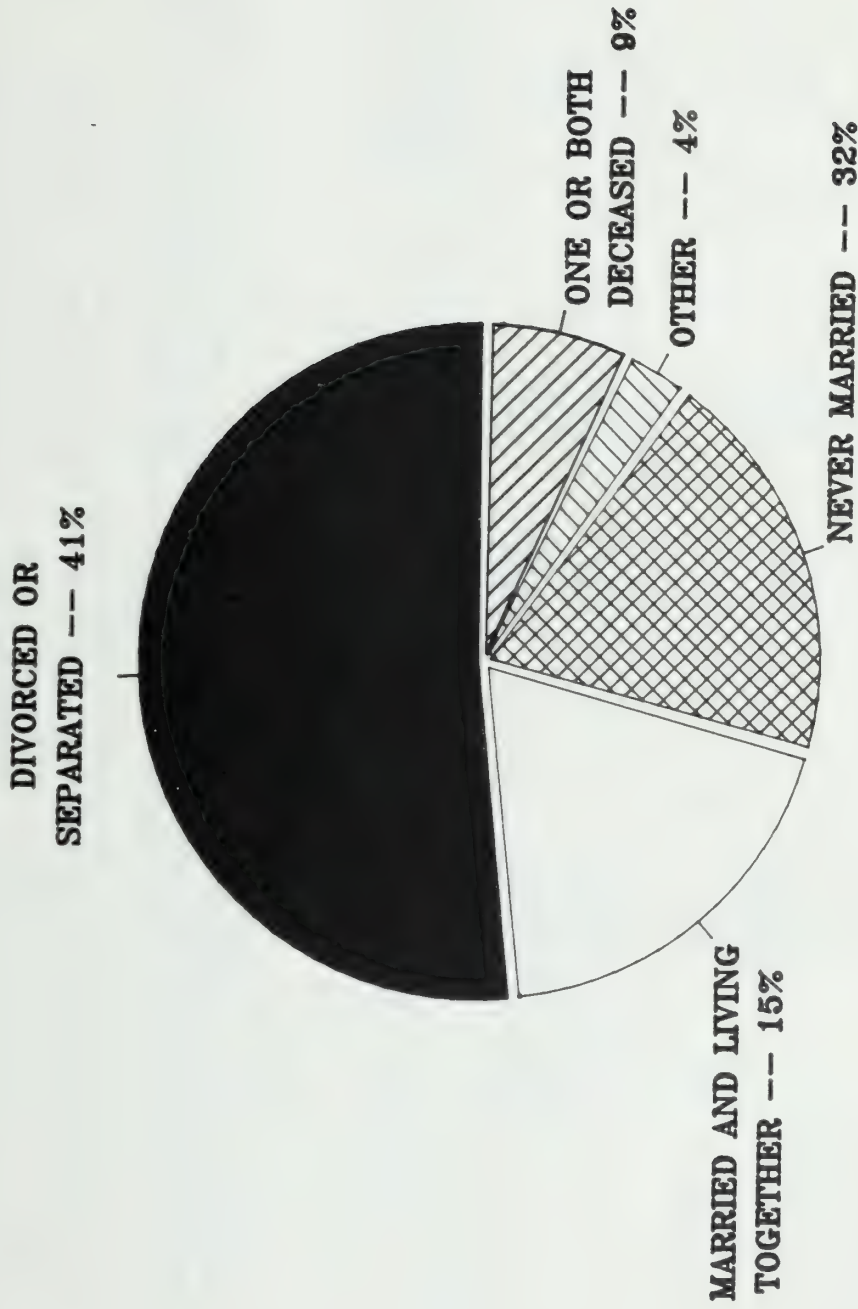
**TABLE XIII  
SEX, OFFENSE TYPE AND REGION BY PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS**

	MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER		DIVORCED OR SEPARATED		NEVER MARRIED		ONE OR BOTH DECEASED		OTHER	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
<b>TOTAL</b>	121	14.8% 100.0%	337	41.2% 100.0%	255	31.2% 100.0%	72	8.8% 100.0%	32	3.9% 100.0%
<b>SEX:</b>										
MALE	114	15.1% 94.2%	313	41.4% 92.9%	228	30.1% 89.4%	70	9.2% 97.2%	32	4.2% 100.0%
FEMALE	7	11.7% 5.8%	24	40.0% 7.1%	27	45.0% 10.6%	2	3.3% 2.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE:</b>										
PERSON	39	13.8% 32.2%	115	40.8% 34.1%	92	32.6% 36.1%	22	7.8% 30.6%	14	5.8% 43.8%
PROPERTY	60	17.5% 49.6%	146	42.7% 43.3%	100	29.2% 39.2%	26	7.6% 36.1%	10	3.5% 31.3%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	7	9.5% 5.8%	28	37.8% 8.3%	26	35.1% 10.2%	9	12.2% 12.5%	4	6.0% 12.5%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	3	9.4% 2.5%	14	43.8% 4.2%	12	37.5% 4.7%	2	6.3% 2.8%	1	3.4% 3.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE	5	14.3% 4.1%	16	45.7% 4.8%	5	14.3% 2.0%	8	22.9% 11.1%	1	3.3% 3.1%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	5	19.2% 4.1%	8	30.8% 2.4%	9	34.6% 3.5%	3	11.5% 4.2%	1	4.8% 3.1%
PUBLIC ORDER	2	7.7% 1.7%	10	38.5% 3.0%	11	42.3% 4.3%	2	7.7% 2.8%	1	4.2% 3.1%
<b>REGION:</b>										
WESTERN	26	14.3% 22.4%	108	59.3% 29.4%	37	20.3% 21.4%	10	5.5% 20.0%	1	0.6% 7.7%
CENTRAL	34	23.3% 29.3%	72	49.3% 19.6%	27	18.5% 15.6%	11	7.5% 22.0%	2	1.4% 15.4%
NORTHEAST	13	10.3% 11.2%	69	54.8% 18.8%	30	23.8% 17.3%	11	8.7% 22.0%	3	2.4% 23.1%
SOUTHEAST	32	24.1% 27.6%	60	45.1% 16.3%	34	25.6% 19.7%	5	3.8% 10.0%	2	1.5% 15.4%
METRO	11	8.3% 9.5%	58	43.9% 15.8%	45	34.1% 26.0%	13	9.8% 26.0%	5	3.8% 38.5%





**GRAPH 9**  
**PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS**  
**1990**





**TABLE XIV - AGE, RACE AND OFFENSE BY SEX**

Characteristics of newly committed youths continue to vary by sex.

**AGE:** This year the proportions of males and females in all age groups are about equal. For example, the percentage of male youth under the age of 14.5 years of age was 13.7%, the proportion of females in the same age was 16.4%.

**RACE:** The majority of youth, both male and female, committed in 1990 were white. There was a slightly higher number of Black and Hispanic males committed when compared to females.

**OFFENSE TYPE:** As in 1989 the number of person offenses committed by females increased (up 15.2%). Because of this increase, the majority of females committed to the Department were committed on person offenses. Overall there were a larger proportion of females, when compared to males who were committed to the Department on person offenses.

**TABLE XIV  
AGE, RACE AND OFFENSE BY SEX**

	MALE			FEMALE		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
<b>AGE:</b>						
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	5	100.0%	0.7%	0	0.0%	0.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	22	91.7%	2.9%	2	8.3%	3.3%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	78	90.7%	10.1%	8	9.3%	13.1%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	161	92.0%	20.9%	14	8.0%	23.0%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	269	92.8%	35.0%	21	7.2%	34.4%
16.6 +	234	93.6%	30.4%	16	6.4%	26.2%
<b>RACE:</b>						
WHITE	320	90.7%	41.6%	33	9.4%	54.1%
BLACK	267	93.4%	34.7%	19	6.6%	31.1%
HISPANIC	165	94.8%	21.5%	9	5.2%	14.8%
OTHER	17	100.0%	2.2%	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE</b>						
PERSON	256	89.5%	35.6%	30	10.5%	55.6%
PROPERTY	329	95.4%	45.7%	16	4.6%	29.6%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	75	100.0%	10.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	28	87.5%	3.9%	4	12.5%	7.4%
MOTOR VEHICLE	32	88.9%	4.4%	4	11.1%	7.4%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	27	100.0%	3.8%	0	0.0%	0.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	22	75.9%	3.1%	7	24.1%	13.0%





TABLE XV - SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY SEX

Nearly one half of the girls committed to the Department were committed on assault charges. Assault charges were the highest committing offenses for girls, at 23% for unarmed assault and 23% for armed assault. The highest committing offenses for boys were burglary and possession of burglarious tools at 16.9% and armed assault at 15%.

Overall, the majority of boys continue to be committed on property offenses, while commitments for girls are now split equally between person and property offenses.

TABLE XV  
SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY SEX, 1990

	MALE			FEMALE		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
SPECIFIC OFFENSE:						
MURDER	3	100.0%	0.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	7	100.0%	0.9%	0	0.0%	0.0%
ARMED ASSAULT	115	89.1%	15.0%	14	10.9%	23.0%
UNARMED ASSAULT	69	83.1%	9.0%	14	16.9%	23.0%
ARMED ROBBERY	10	100.0%	1.3%	0	0.0%	0.0%
UNARMED ROBBERY	7	87.5%	0.9%	1	12.5%	1.6%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	37	100.0%	4.8%	0	0.0%	0.0%
KIDNAPPING	0	-	0.0%	0	-	0.0%
THREATS, ETC.	8	88.9%	1.0%	1	11.1%	1.6%
MAYHEM	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
ARSON	11	100.0%	1.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	130	97.0%	16.9%	4	3.0%	6.6%
LARCENY	101	91.0%	13.1%	10	9.0%	16.4%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	63	96.9%	8.2%	2	3.1%	3.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	24	100.0%	3.1%	0	0.0%	0.0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	75	100.0%	9.8%	0	0.0%	0.0%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	28	87.5%	3.6%	4	12.5%	6.6%
SEX OFFENSES	0	0.0%	0.0%	5	100.0%	8.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE	32	88.9%	4.2%	4	11.1%	6.6%
PUBLIC ORDER	49	96.1%	6.4%	2	3.9%	3.3%
FRAUD	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%

\*Possession of burglarious tools



# TABLE XVI – AGE, OFFENSE TYPE AND PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS BY RACE

Table XVI presents variations in age, offense type and parents' marital status by race. Differences in offense type by race and in parents' marital status by race are particularly significant.

Unlike non-white youth, the majority of white youth were over the age of 16.5 years upon commitment. Non-white youth tended to be between 15.6 & 16.5 years of age. The youth who fell into the 'other' race category were the youngest at time of commitment with 17.6% falling below 14.5 years of age.

By offense, over half of all youth committed on property offenses were white. Whereas, the majority of youth committed on drug offenses were Black or Hispanic. The proportion of white and black youth committed on person offenses were equal.

Individually, White, Hispanic and youth of 'other' origin were most frequently committed on property offenses, while black youth were most frequently committed on person offenses.

White, Hispanic, and youth of 'other' origin were more likely to come from homes where the parents were divorced or separated. Black youth tended to come from homes where the parents were never married.

TABLE XVI  
AGE, OFFENSE TYPE AND PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS BY RACE

	WHITE			BLACK			HISPANIC			OTHER		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
AGE:												
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	2	40.0%	0.6%	3	60.0%	1.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	7	29.2%	2.0%	11	45.8%	3.8%	6	25.0%	3.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	36	41.9%	10.2%	29	33.7%	10.1%	18	20.9%	10.3%	3	3.5%	17.6%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	72	41.1%	20.4%	68	38.9%	23.8%	34	19.4%	19.5%	1	0.6%	5.9%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	110	37.9%	31.2%	103	35.5%	36.0%	71	24.5%	40.8%	6	2.1%	35.3%
16.6 OR MORE	126	50.4%	35.7%	72	28.8%	25.2%	45	18.0%	25.9%	7	2.8%	41.2%
OFFENSE TYPE:												
PERSON	113	39.5%	33.7%	110	38.5%	41.8%	61	21.3%	37.7%	2	0.7%	14.3%
PROPERTY	189	54.8%	56.4%	80	23.2%	30.4%	68	19.7%	42.0%	8	2.3%	57.1%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	6	8.0%	1.8%	43	57.3%	16.3%	22	29.3%	13.6%	4	5.3%	28.6%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	5	15.6%	1.5%	22	68.8%	8.4%	5	15.6%	3.1%	0	0.0%	0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	22	61.1%	6.6%	8	22.2%	3.0%	6	16.7%	3.7%	0	0.0%	0.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	3.7%	0.3%	19	70.4%	7.2%	4	14.8%	2.5%	3	11.1%	21.4%
PUBLIC ORDER	17	58.6%	5.1%	4	13.8%	1.5%	8	27.6%	4.9%	0	0.0%	0.0%
PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS:												
MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER	67	55.4%	19.2%	27	22.3%	9.6%	22	18.2%	12.9%	5	4.1%	29.4%
DIVORCED OR SEPARATED	180	53.4%	51.6%	83	29.6%	29.6%	66	19.6%	38.6%	8	2.4%	47.1%
NEVER MARRIED	67	26.3%	19.2%	127	49.8%	45.4%	59	23.1%	34.5%	2	0.8%	11.8%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	24	33.3%	6.9%	32	44.4%	11.4%	14	19.4%	8.2%	2	2.8%	11.8%
OTHER	11	34.4%	3.2%	11	34.4%	3.9%	10	31.3%	5.8%	0	0.0%	0.0%





## SECTION IV – HIGHLIGHTS

The total number of new commitments was -.7% lower in 1990 than it was in 1989. Between 1986 and 1990 there was a 3% increase. The proportion of males versus females committed to the Department between 1989 and 1990 remained the same.

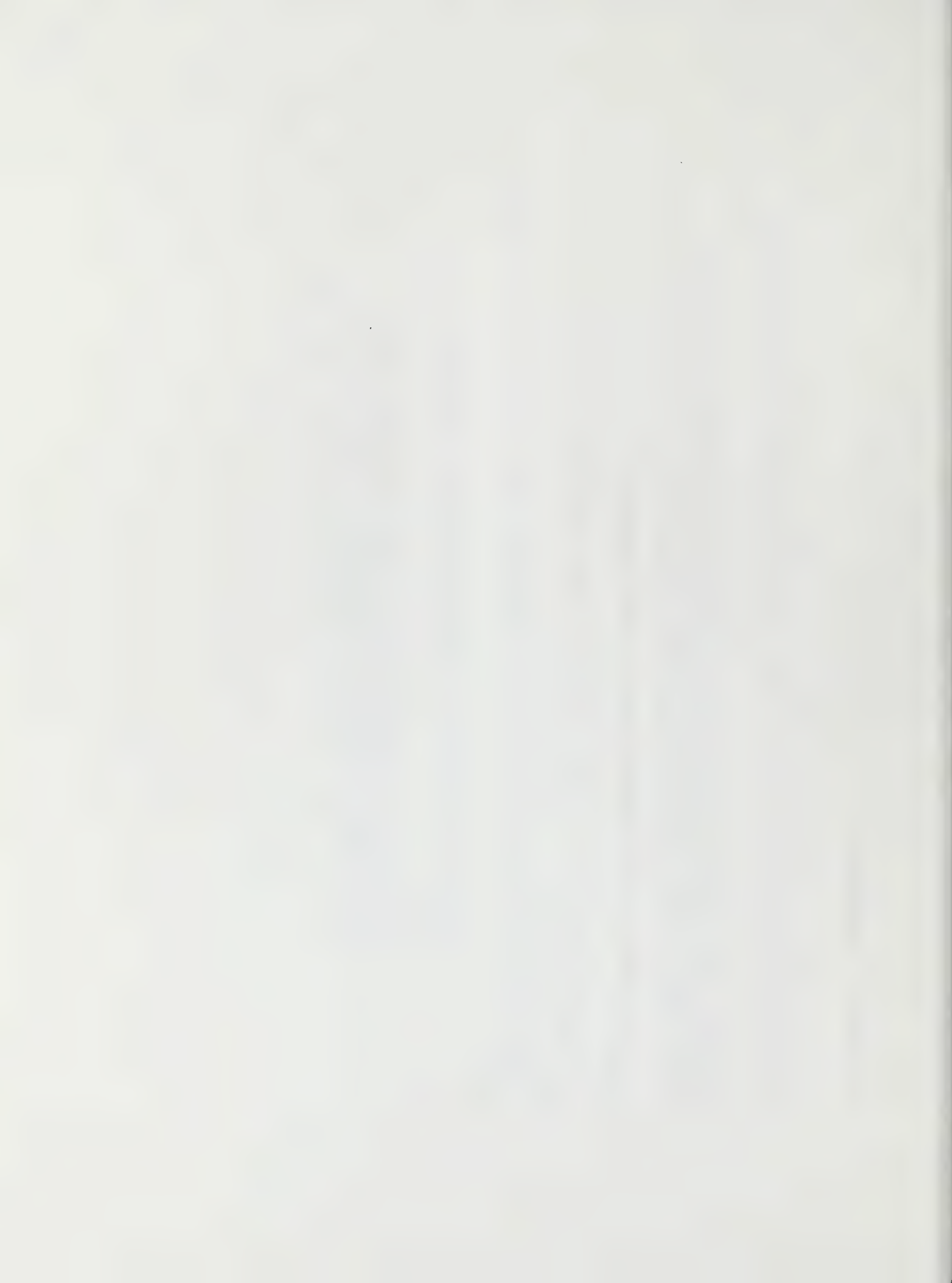
As has been the trend over the last seven years, white youth committed to the Department have again decreased in 1990. During this same time period, the number of black youth have consistently risen. Since 1984, the number of white youth committed has decreased by 29%, while the number of black youth have increased by 17%. Hispanic youth have also increased substantially, 11% over the last 7 years.

Commitments by region have seen little change since 1986. Proportions have changed only 1 to 4% over the years.

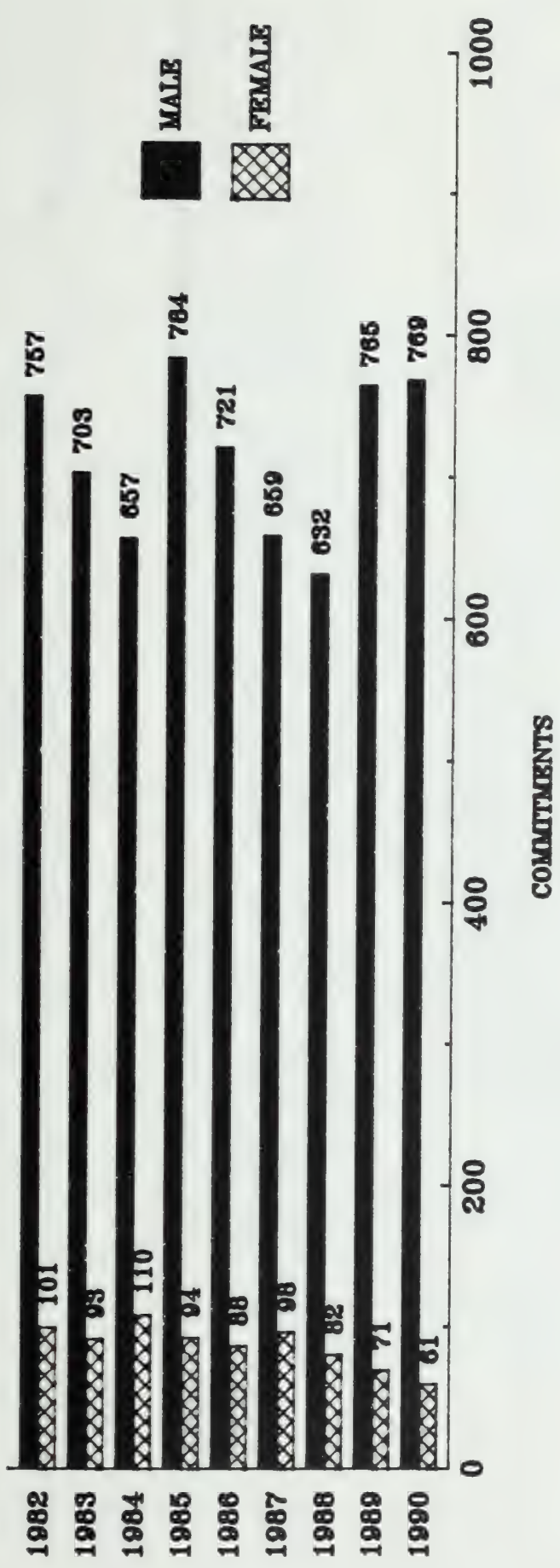
Although the mean age has not varied by more than 2 months since 1986, the proportion of youth over the age of 15.6 has consistently grown since that time.

Non-person offenses continue to be the highest committing offense. However, several trends have developed within the person and non-person categories:

- Females are being committed for person offenses at higher rates each year. This year, half of the females committed to the Department were committed on person offenses.
- Over the years there has been a significant increase in the number of youth being committed to the Department on drug offenses. For example, of the 333 youth committed to the Department on drug offenses since 1986, 107 or 1/3 of them were committed in 1990. (For further data on drug offenders see table XIX).



GRAPH 11  
COMMITMENTS BY SEX  
1982 - 1990



NEW COMMITMENTS  
PERCENT CHANGE, 1982 - 1990

	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
1982	-7%	-11%	2%	-6%	-12%	-17%	-3%	-3%
1983	-	-4%	10%	2%	-5%	-10%	5%	4%
1984	-	-	14%	6%	-1%	-7%	9%	6%
1985	-	-	-	-6%	-14%	-19%	-5%	-6%
1986	-	-	-	-	-6%	-12%	3%	3%
1987	-	-	-	-	-	-6%	10%	10%
1988	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%	16%
1989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7%





**TABLE XVII**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE**  
1983 - 1990

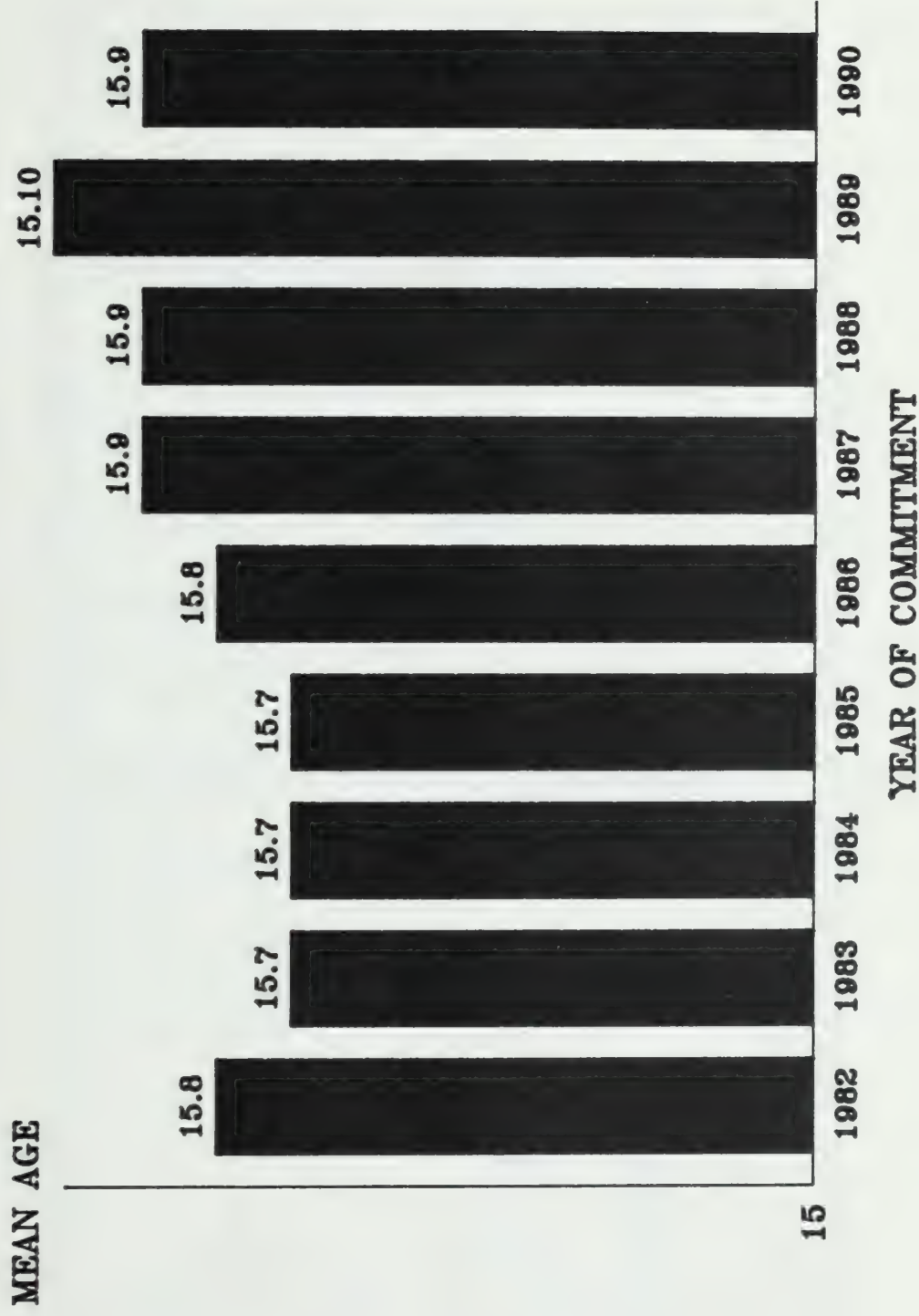
	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>RACE:</b>																
TOTAL	796	100%	767	100%	878	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%
WHITE	554	70%	550	72%	569	65%	521	64%	427	56%	376	53%	395	47%	353	43%
BLACK	140	18%	132	17%	193	22%	179	22%	197	26%	202	28%	257	31%	286	34%
HISPANIC	90	11%	74	10%	108	12%	100	12%	127	17%	123	17%	165	20%	174	21%
OTHER	12	2%	11	1%	8	1%	9	1%	6	1%	13	2%	19	2%	17	2%

**TABLE XVIII**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY REGION**  
1983 - 1990

	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>REGION:</b>																
TOTAL	796	100%	767	100%	878	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%
WESTERN	184	23%	136	18%	185	21%	147	18%	160	21%	159	22%	185	22%	203	24%
CENTRAL	141	18%	166	22%	180	21%	157	19%	121	16%	131	18%	152	18%	139	17%
NORTHEAST	155	19%	150	20%	186	21%	157	19%	122	16%	133	19%	140	17%	126	15%
SOUTHEAST	161	20%	148	19%	131	15%	140	17%	146	19%	125	18%	148	18%	140	17%
METRO	155	19%	167	22%	196	22%	208	26%	208	27%	166	23%	211	25%	222	27%



GRAPH 12  
MEAN AGE AT COMMITMENT  
1982 - 1990







**TABLE XIX**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE**  
1983 - 1990

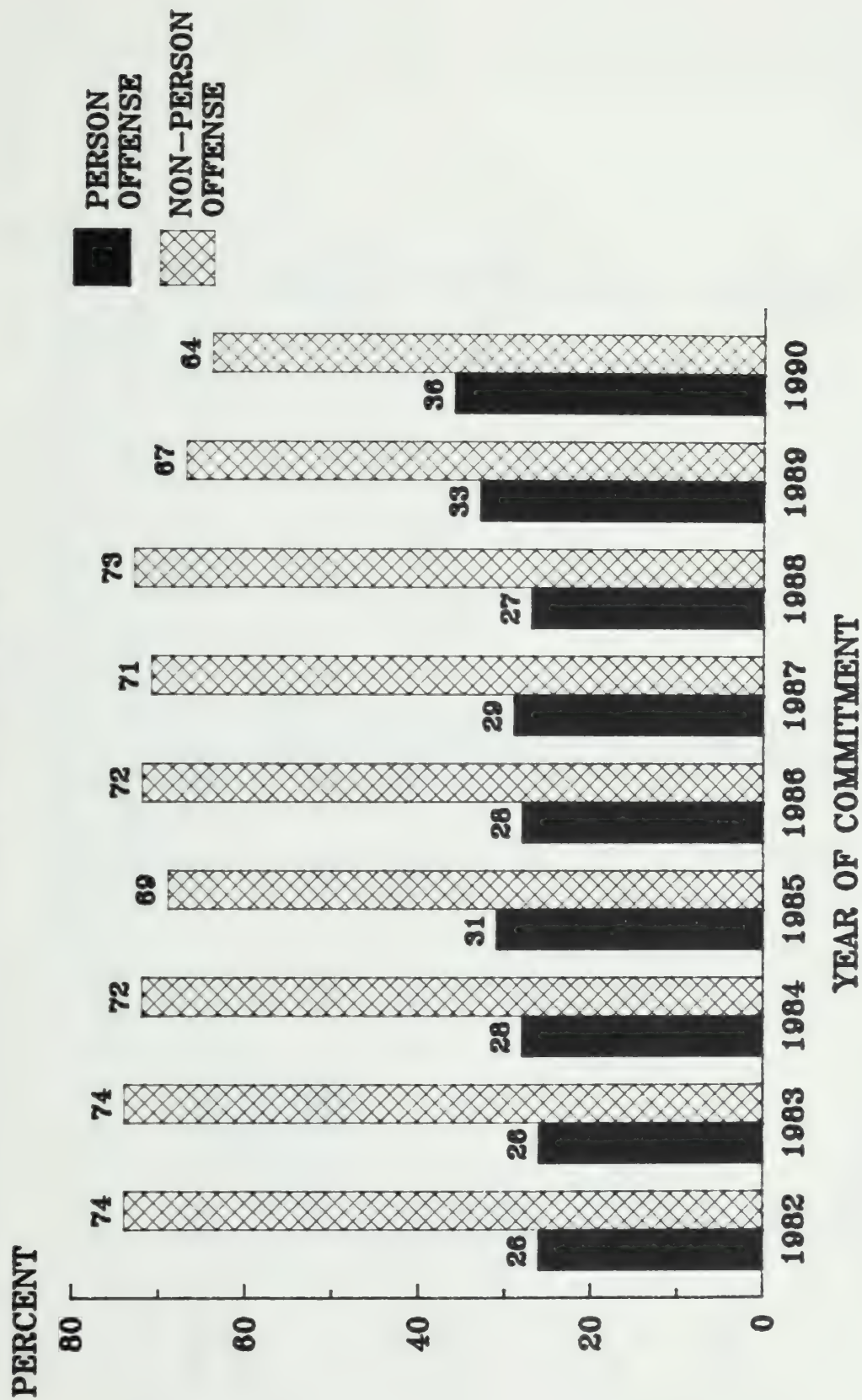
	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
OFFENSE:	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	793	100%	756	100%	879	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%
MURDER	4	1%	5	1%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	3	0%
MANSLAUGHTER	3	0%	1	0%	4	0%	0	0%	4	1%	5	1%	3	0%	7	1%
ARMED ASSAULT	59	7%	74	10%	80	9%	76	9%	86	11%	60	8%	94	11%	128	15%
UNARMED ASSAULT	63	8%	54	7%	79	9%	62	8%	57	8%	54	8%	79	9%	83	10%
ARMED ROBBERY	17	2%	16	2%	23	3%	13	2%	14	2%	10	1%	14	2%	10	1%
UNARMED ROBBERY	28	4%	23	3%	28	3%	26	3%	17	2%	11	2%	17	2%	8	1%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	24	3%	31	4%	43	5%	39	5%	33	4%	37	5%	38	5%	38	5%
KIDNAPPING	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%
THREATS, ETC.	5	1%	9	1%	9	1%	4	0%	6	1%	3	0%	12	1%	9	1%
OTHER PERSON	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
ARSON	14	2%	9	1%	13	1%	19	2%	13	2%	13	2%	4	0%	11	1%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	225	28%	193	26%	205	23%	169	21%	160	21%	126	18%	162	19%	134	16%
LARCENY	128	16%	145	19%	160	18%	163	20%	141	19%	124	17%	139	17%	111	13%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	29	4%	27	4%	27	3%	42	5%	39	5%	43	6%	61	7%	65	8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	46	6%	39	5%	46	5%	44	5%	36	5%	39	5%	26	3%	24	3%
SEX OFFENSES	8	1%	11	1%	9	1%	5	1%	6	1%	5	1%	3	0%	5	1%
MOTOR VEHICLE	47	6%	41	5%	59	7%	52	6%	58	8%	66	9%	38	5%	36	4%
PUBLIC ORDER	48	6%	49	6%	55	6%	53	7%	42	6%	48	7%	53	6%	51	6%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**	23	3%	23	3%	32	4%	35	4%	39	5%	65	9%	0	0%	0	0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	75	9%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	38	5%	32	4%
FRAUD	0	0%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%
UNSPECIFIED DELINQUENCY	20	3%	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
MISSING	3	0%	11	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

\* Possession of burglarious tools.

\*\* The controlled substance category was split into distribution of drug and possession of drug categories in 1989.



GRAPH 13  
COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE TYPE  
1982 - 1990







The average youth committed to the Department on a drug possession offense was a black, male between 15.6 & 16.5 years of age. He was committed in the Metro region and had completed the 8th grade.

The average youth committed on a drug distribution offense was black, male over 16.6 years of age. He was committed in the Western region and had completed the 9th grade.

TABLE XX  
CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON DRUG OFFENSES

	POSSESSION OF DRUGS		DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	
	N	%	N	%
TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS	32	100.0%	75	100.0%
AGE:				
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	0	0.0%	3	4.0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	2	6.3%	3	4.0%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	7	21.9%	17	22.7%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	16	50.0%	25	33.3%
16.6 +	7	21.9%	27	36.0%
SEX:				
MALE	28	87.5%	75	100.0%
FEMALE	4	12.5%	0	0.0%
RACE:				
WHITE	5	15.6%	6	8.0%
BLACK	22	68.8%	43	57.3%
HISPANIC	5	15.6%	22	29.3%
OTHER	0	0.0%	4	5.3%
REGION:				
WESTERN	5	15.6%	37	49.3%
CENTRAL	3	9.4%	5	6.7%
NORTHEAST	2	6.3%	1	1.3%
SOUTHEAST	1	3.1%	8	10.7%
METRO	21	65.6%	24	32.0%
LAST GRADE:				
4TH OR LESS	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
5TH	0	0.0%	2	2.7%
6TH	5	16.1%	3	4.2%
7TH	4	12.9%	16	22.2%
8TH	12	38.7%	27	37.5%
9TH	5	16.1%	19	26.4%
10TH	5	16.1%	4	5.6%
11TH OR MORE	0	0.0%	2	2.7%

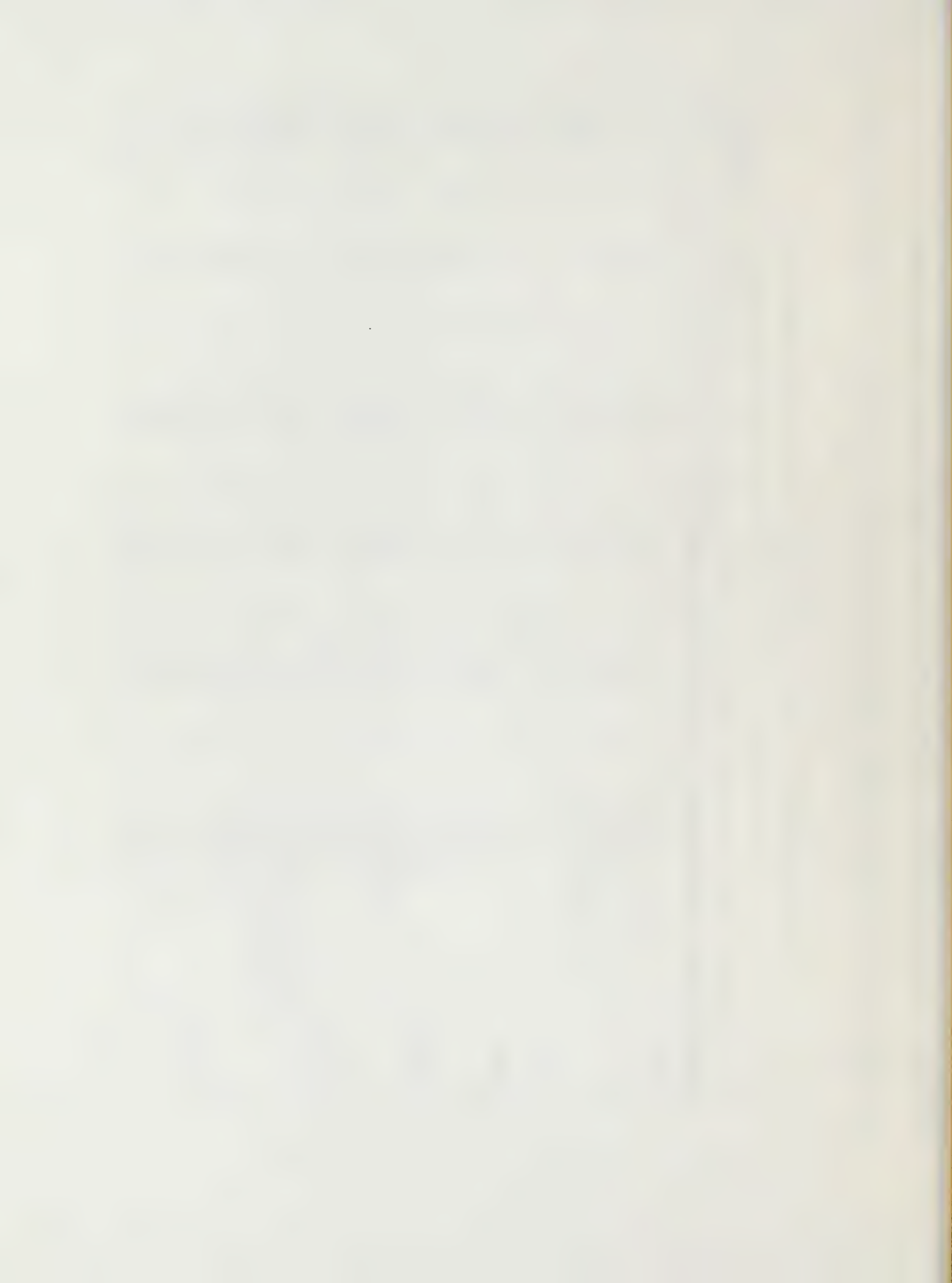


# APPENDIX A - CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTHS WHOSE COMMITMENTS WERE REVISED/REVOKED

Appendix A presents the youths who were newly committed to the Department of Youth Services in 1988, 1989 and 1990 whose commitments were subsequently revoked. In 1990, the average youth whose commitment was revoked was a white male from the Southeast region. He was committed for between 21 and 138 days on a public order offense.

**APPENDIX A**  
**CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTHS WHOSE COMMITMENT WAS REVISED/REVOKED**  
**1988 - 1990**

	1988		1989		1990		% CHANGE 1988-1990		% CHANGE 1989-1990	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL YOUTHS REVISED/REVOKED	14	100%	24	100%	11	100%	-3	-21%	-13	-100%
AGE:										
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	1	7%	0	0%	0	0%	-1	-100%	0	0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	1	7%	4	17%	0	0%	-1	-100%	-4	-100%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	3	21%	2	8%	2	18%	-1	-33%	0	0%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	3	21%	6	25%	4	36%	1	33%	-2	-33%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	3	21%	5	21%	2	18%	-1	-33%	-3	-60%
16.6 YEARS OR MORE	3	21%	7	29%	3	27%	0	0%	-4	-57%
SEX:										
MALE	11	79%	14	58%	9	82%	-2	-18%	-5	-36%
FEMALE	3	21%	10	42%	2	18%	-1	-33%	-8	-80%
RACE:										
WHITE	9	64%	15	63%	8	73%	-1	-11%	-7	-47%
BLACK	4	29%	5	21%	2	18%	-2	-50%	-3	-60%
HISPANIC	1	7%	4	17%	1	9%	0	0%	-3	-75%
OTHER	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
REGION:										
WESTERN	2	14%	1	4%	2	18%	0	0%	1	100%
CENTRAL	2	14%	4	17%	4	36%	2	100%	0	0%
NORTHEAST	2	14%	6	25%	1	9%	-1	-50%	-5	-83%
SOUTHEAST	6	43%	10	42%	4	36%	-2	-33%	-6	-60%
METRO	2	14%	3	13%	0	0%	-2	-100%	-3	-100%
CHARGE TYPE:										
PERSON	0	0%	5	21%	4	36%	4	400%	-1	-20%
PROPERTY	6	43%	8	33%	2	29%	-4	-67%	-6	-75%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%	1	100%	1	100%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	-1	-100%
MOTOR VEHICLE	1	7%	1	4%	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%
WEAPONS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
PUBLIC ORDER	7	50%	9	38%	3	21%	-4	-57%	-6	-67%
LENGTH OF COMMITMENT										
0 - 20 DAYS	3	21%	8	33%	4	36%	1	33%	-4	-50%
21 - 81 DAYS	4	29%	9	38%	4	36%	0	0%	-5	-56%
82 - 138 DAYS	4	29%	6	25%	0	0%	-4	-100%	-6	-100%
139 - 258 DAYS	3	21%	1	4%	3	27%	0	0%	2	200%









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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1991

- \* DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY MAKE UP ONLY 14% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF YOUTH UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, 58% OF ALL NEWLY COMMITTED YOUTH LAST YEAR WERE MINORITY YOUTH.
- \* IN 1991 THERE WAS A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON PERSON OFFENSES AND WEAPON OFFENSES COMPARED TO 1990 FIGURES. THERE WERE ALSO DECREASES IN THE NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS FOR DRUG DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OFFENSES.
- \* WHITE YOUTH WERE COMMITTED ON PERSON OFFENSES AT A HIGHER RATE THAN YOUTH IN ANY OTHER RACIAL CATEGORY. BLACK YOUTH WERE COMMITTED ON WEAPONS, DRUG DISTRIBUTION AND DRUG POSSESSION OFFENSES AT THE HIGHEST RATES.
- \* THE LARGEST NUMBER OF YOUTH COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON PERSON OFFENSES CAME FROM THE METRO REGION. THIS REGION ALSO RECEIVED THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON WEAPONS OFFENSES (78%). THE WESTERN REGION HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON DRUG DISTRIBUTION OFFENSES.
- \* FIFTY PERCENT OF HISPANIC FEMALES AND 83% OF 'OTHER' FEMALES WERE COMMITTED ON PERSON OFFENSES.
- \* OF THE YOUTH COMMITTED IN 1991, ONLY 15% CAME FROM FAMILIES WHERE THE PARENTS ARE CURRENTLY MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER.
- \* ON AVERAGE, FAMILIES OF NEWLY COMMITTED MALES HAD SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER INCOMES THAN FAMILIES OF NEWLY COMMITTED FEMALES.



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## INTRODUCTION

The Bureau of Planning, Research and Systems produces the Analysis of Commitment report annually. This report examines the diverse characteristics of youths newly committed to the Department of Youth Services by year. The data utilized to compile this report was obtained by the regional staff at each youth's intake and was entered into the DYS automated client tracking system. This system assists in providing on-going commitment information to the Department.

The 1991 Analysis of Commitment report is composed of four sections. Section I compares the demographics of youths committed in 1990 with those committed in 1991. Section II displays the 1991 regional variations in youth's demographic information. Section III analyzes the correlations existing between various demographic variables in 1991. Section IV summarizes information from 1983 to 1991. The report concludes with an appendix that presents information on youth whose commitments were revised and revoked.

It should be noted that data in this report may not match previous issues of the Analysis of Commitment due to updating. Also, data has been provided for the 51 youths who were committed in 1989, 1990 and 1991 whose commitments were subsequently revised and revoked. In addition, throughout the report there are several instances where the data presented does not add to 767 — the total number of youths committed in 1991. In these cases, not all of the demographic information about the youths was available at the time of intake. Missing data are not included in any calculations and therefore do not affect the percentages presented in this report. Data for all 767 youths newly committed in 1991 was available for the following variables: sex, region, race, age, court and offense. Missing data for 1991 was limited to the following: last grade completed (6%); parent's marital status (3%) and family income (7%).

TABLE I  
COMMITMENT RATES, 1980 - 1991

	NUMBER OF YOUTHS COMMITTED	NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS	COMMITMENT RATE
1980	854	25,943	3.3%
1981	855	22,129	3.9%
1982	858	20,799	4.1%
1983	796	18,122	4.4%
1984	767	18,425	4.2%
1985	878	19,804	4.4%
1986	809	19,793	4.1%
1987	757	18,782	4.0%
1988	714	18,429	3.9%
1989	836	18,688	4.5%
1990	830	18,770	4.4%
1991	767	18,724	4.1%



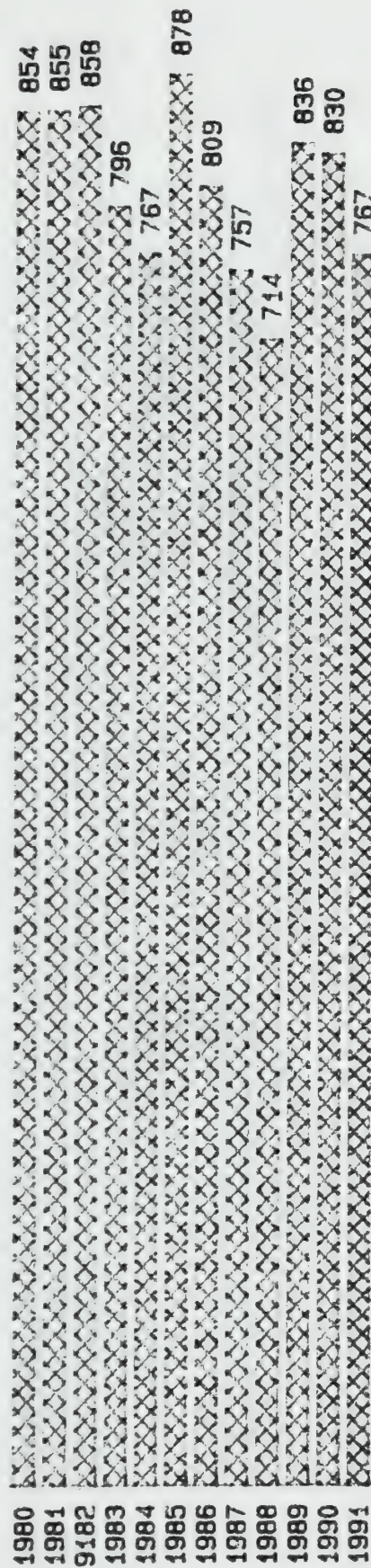


There were 767 youth committed to the Department in 1991. This represents an 8% decrease from the year before. The number of arraignments experienced practically no growth (+.4%). As in previous years, the number of youth arraigned and ultimately committed to DYS held at a little over 4%.

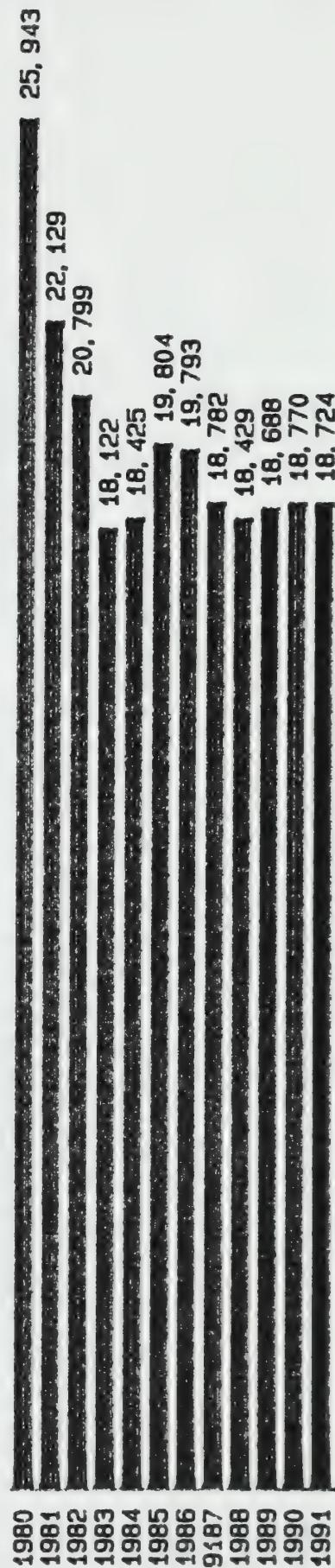
## GRAPH 1

### ARRAIGNMENTS AND NEW COMMITMENTS TO DYS, 1980 - 1991

#### NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS

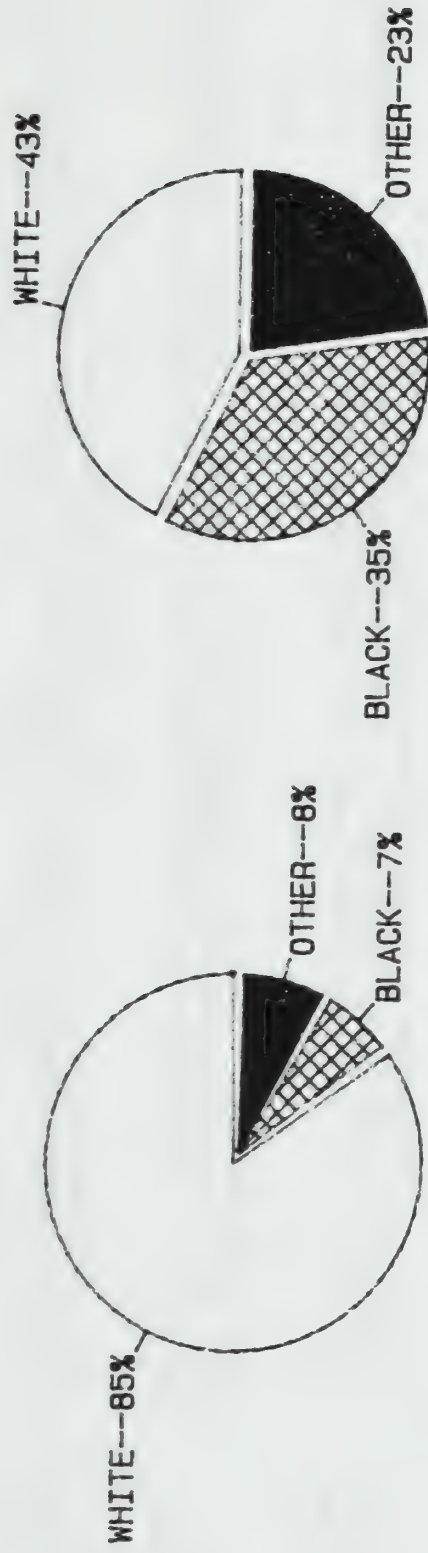


#### NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENT





GRAPH 2  
1991 NEW COMMITMENTS AND  
MASSACHUSETTS AT RISK POPULATION



MASSACHUSETTS AT  
RISK POPULATION \*

1991 NEW  
COMMITMENTS

\* At risk population figures are based on 1990 census figures.





## SECTION I - HIGHLIGHTS

TABLE II - CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS 1986 - 1991

**AGE :** The age of youth at time of commitment remains proportionately the same as figures seen in previous years.

**SEX :** As in past years, the proportions of males and females entering the Department remain virtually the same, with females making up 8.3% of the newly committed population and males at 91.7%.

**RACE :** Minority youth were committed at a higher rate than non-minority youth, 58% and 42% respectively. By category there was a slight rise in the percentage of hispanic (+1%) and 'other' youth committed, while the number of white (-.03%) and black youth (-2.3%) decreased.

**REGION :** With the exception of the Central Region, every region experienced a decrease in the number of newly committed youth. Western Region saw the largest decrease in new commitments, down 39%, followed by Northeast down 13%, Metro down 9%, and Southeast down 4%. Central Region increased minimally at 1.4%.

**OFFENSE TYPE :** Property offenses remain the highest committing offense (44%), with person offenses following (37%). The rank order of the remaining offenses stayed the same when 1990 & 1991 figures were compared. Trendwise, the large increase in drug offenses witnessed in 1990 have not held this year; with drug distribution and possession offenses showing a decrease. Since 1986 the number of youth committed on possession, weapons and person offenses has risen, while those committed on motor vehicle, public order and property offenses have dropped.

**FAMILY INCOME :** Family incomes indicated a slight increase over last year, with a greater percentage of families falling into higher income brackets.



**TABLE II**  
**CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS**  
1990 - 1991

	1990		1991		CHANGE 1990 - 1991		CHANGE 1986-1991	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS</b>	830	100.0%	767	100.0%	-63	-7.6%	34	-4.0%
<b>AGE:</b>								
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	5	0.6%	8	1.0%	3	60.0%	1	14.3%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	24	2.9%	21	2.7%	-3	-12.5%	-8	-27.6%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	86	10.4%	88	11.5%	2	2.3%	5	6.0%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	175	21.1%	183	23.9%	8	4.6%	-36	-16.4%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	290	34.9%	240	31.3%	-50	-17.2%	-38	-13.7%
16.6 +	250	30.1%	227	29.6%	-23	-9.2%	41	22.0%
<b>SEX:</b>								
MALE	769	92.7%	703	91.7%	-66	-8.6%	-12	-1.7%
FEMALE	61	7.3%	64	8.3%	3	4.9%	-23	-26.4%
<b>RACE:</b>								
WHITE	353	42.5%	324	42.2%	-29	-8.2%	-191	-37.1%
BLACK	286	34.5%	246	32.1%	-40	-14.0%	67	37.4%
HISPANIC	174	21.0%	169	22.0%	-5	-2.9%	70	70.7%
OTHER	17	2.0%	28	3.7%	11	64.7%	19	211.1%
<b>REGION:</b>								
WESTERN	203	24.5%	164	21.4%	-39	-19.2%	17	11.6%
CENTRAL	139	16.7%	141	18.4%	2	1.4%	-15	-9.6%
NORTHEAST	126	15.2%	113	14.7%	-13	-10.3%	-39	-25.7%
SOUTHEAST	140	16.9%	136	17.7%	-4	-2.9%	-3	-2.2%
METRO	222	26.7%	213	27.8%	-9	-4.1%	5	2.4%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE:</b>								
PERSON	287	35.8%	277	37.4%	-10	-3.5%	56	25.3%
PROPERTY	345	43.0%	327	44.2%	-18	-5.2%	-108	-24.8%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	75	9.4%	58	7.8%	-17	-22.7%	44	314.3%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	32	4.0%	24	3.2%	-8	-25.0%	3	14.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE	36	4.5%	36	4.9%	0	0.0%	-16	-30.8%
WEAPONS	27	3.2%	18	2.4%	-9	-33.3%	5	38.5%
PUBLIC ORDER	29	3.5%	27	3.5%	-2	-6.9%	-19	-41.3%
<b>FAMILY INCOME:</b>								
0 - \$5,328	155	19.8%	126	17.6%	-29	-18.7%	19	17.8%
\$5,329 - \$7,130	79	10.1%	83	11.6%	4	5.1%	-1	-1.2%
\$7,131 - \$10,188	149	19.0%	142	19.8%	-7	-4.7%	36	34.0%
\$10,189 - \$17,316	158	20.2%	164	22.9%	6	3.8%	43	35.5%
\$17,317 +	243	31.0%	201	28.1%	-42	-17.3%	27	15.5%





**TABLE III - SPECIFIC COMMITTING OFFENSE**

While all property offense categories experienced decreases, several person offense categories increased in 1991. These included unarmed robbery up 75%, armed robbery up 50% and manslaughter offenses up 43% from 1990. As in past years, the majority of new commitments were for property offenses (64% of all youth committed).

Over the last 5 years, there have been major changes within both the person and property offense categories. Since 1986 the number of commitments for person offenses has increased, while the number of commitments for property offenses have decreased. Specifically, manslaughter, threats and armed assault offenses have at least doubled since 1986. Also on the rise are drug distribution (+314%), and drug possession (+14%) offenses. With the exception of receiving stolen property (52%), property offenses decreased, with larceny (-63%) and burglary/possession of burglarious tools seeing the greatest reductions. Fraud and sex offenses also experienced substantial reductions, -100% and -60%, respectively.

**TABLE III**  
**SPECIFIC COMMITTING OFFENSE**  
**1990 - 1991**

OFFENSE	1990		1991		CHANGE 1990 - 1991		CHANGE 1986 - 1991	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
MURDER	3	0.4%	2	0.3%	-1	-33.3%	0	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	7	0.8%	10	1.3%	3	42.9%	10	100%
ARMED ASSAULT	129	15.5%	116	15.1%	-13	-10.1%	40	52.6%
UNARMED ASSAULT	83	10.0%	84	11.0%	1	1.2%	24	40.0%
ARMED ROBBERY	10	1.2%	15	2.0%	5	50.0%	2	15.4%
UNARMED ROBBERY	8	1.0%	14	1.8%	6	75.0%	-12	-46.2%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	38	4.6%	30	3.9%	-8	-21.1%	-9	-23.1%
KIDNAPPING	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	-1	-100.0%
THREATS, ETC.	9	1.1%	6	0.8%	-3	-33.3%	2	50.0%
ARSON	11	1.3%	10	1.3%	-1	-9.1%	-9	-47.4%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	134	16.1%	130	16.9%	-4	-3.0%	-35	-21.2%
LARCENY	111	13.4%	100	13.0%	-11	-9.9%	-63	-38.7%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	65	7.8%	64	8.3%	-1	-1.5%	22	52.4%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	24	2.9%	23	3.0%	-1	-4.2%	-21	-47.7%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	75	9.0%	58	7.6%	-17	-22.7%	44	314.3%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	32	3.9%	24	3.1%	-8	-25.0%	3	14.3%
SEX OFFENSES	5	0.6%	2	0.3%	-3	-60.0%	-3	-60.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	36	4.3%	36	4.7%	0	0.0%	-16	-30.8%
PUBLIC ORDER	51	6.1%	43	5.6%	-8	-15.7%	-11	-20.4%
FRAUD	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS





**TABLE IV - HIGHEST CONTRIBUTING COURTS AREAS**

Springfield Court committed the highest number of youth to the Department in 1991 (86 or 10% of the total number of youth committed statewide).

The Quincy, Brockton and Lawrence Courts committed the lowest number of youth at 20 per court, despite their status as members of the 12 highest ranking courts. The remaining court commitments ranged from 71 at Dorchester Court to 22 at Lynn Court.

**TABLE IV  
HIGHEST CONTRIBUTING COURTS AREAS 1990 - 1991**

COURT AREAS	1990		1991		1990 - 91 CHANGE	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
SPRINGFIELD JUVENILE	93	13.0%	86	10.3%	-7	-7.5%
DORCHESTER	63	8.8%	71	8.5%	8	12.7%
BOSTON JUVENILE	77	10.8%	67	8.0%	-10	-13.0%
LOWELL	42	5.9%	48	5.7%	6	14.3%
ROXBURY	45	6.3%	43	5.1%	-2	-4.4%
WORCESTER JUVENILE	26	3.6%	40	4.8%	14	53.8%
NEW BEDFORD	24	3.4%	25	3.0%	1	4.2%
HOLYOKE	42	5.9%	22	2.6%	-20	-47.6%
LYNN	22	3.1%	22	2.6%	0	0.0%
QUINCY	23	3.2%	20	2.4%	-3	-13.0%
BROCKTON	20	2.8%	20	2.4%	0	0.0%
LAWRENCE	22	3.1%	20	2.4%	-2	-9.1%



TABLE V  
COMMITMENTS BY REGION AND COURT, 1989

WESTERN			CENTRAL			NORTHEAST			SOUTHEAST			METRO		
	N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%
ADAMS	0	0%	AYER	4	3%	AMESBURY	3	2%	ATTLEBORO	7	6%	BOSTON		
BERKSHIRE			CLINTON	2	1%	CAMBRIDGE	16	13%	BARNSTABLE	8	7%	JUVENILE	67	32%
COUNTY SUP.	0	0%	DUDLEY	4	3%	CONCORD	5	4%	BARNSTABLE			BOSTON		
CHICOPEE	5	3%	FITCHBURG	10	7%	ESSEX			CTY. SUP.	0	0%	BOSTON		
FRANKLIN			FRAMINGHAM	3	2%	CTY. SUP.	2	2%	BRISTOL			MUNICIPAL	0	0%
CTY. SUP.	0	0%	GARDNER	11	7%	GLOUCESTER	4	3%	CTY. SUP.	1	1%	BRIGHTON	2	1%
GREAT			LEOMINSTER	2	1%	HAVERHILL	6	5%	BROCKTON	20	18%	CHARLESTOWN	4	2%
BARRINGTON	0	0%	LOWELL	48	32%	IPSWICH	0	0%	BROOKLINE	0	0%	CHELSEA	10	5%
GREENFIELD	7	4%	MARLBORO	9	6%	LAWRENCE	20	17%	DEDHAM	5	4%	DORCHESTER	71	34%
HAMPDEN			MILFORD	2	1%	LYNN	22	18%	DUKES			EAST BOSTON	6	3%
CTY. SUP.	1	1%	NATICK	2	1%	MALDEN	10	8%	COUNTY	0	0%	ROXBURY	43	20%
HAMPSHIRE			SPENCER	3	2%	MIDDLESEX			EDGARTOWN	0	0%	SOUTH BOSTON	3	1%
CTY. SUP.	0	0%	UXBRIDGE	2	1%	CTY. SUP.	0	0%	FALL RIVER	15	13%	SUFFOLK		
HOLYOKE	22	13%	WESTBORO	3	2%	NEWBURYPORT	4	3%	HINGHAM	2	2%	CTY. SUP.	0	0%
LEE	0	0%	WINCHENDON	1	1%	PEABODY	1	1%	NANTUCKET	0	0%	WEST ROXBURY	5	2%
NORTH ADAMS	3	2%	WORCESTER	1		SALEM	4	3%	NANTUCKET					
NORTHAMPTON	5	3%	CTY. SUP.	1	1%	SOMERVILLE	6	5%	CTY. SUP.	0	0%			
ORANGE	4	2%	WORCESTER			WALTHAM	7	6%	NEW BEDFORD	28	25%			
PALMER	4	2%	DISTRICT	0	0%	WOBBURN	11	9%	NEWTON	1	1%			
PITTSFIELD	16	10%	WORCESTER						NORFOLK					
SPRINGFIELD	1	1%	JUVENILE	40	27%				CTY. SUP.	0	0%			
SPRINGFIELD									ORLEANS	3	3%			
JUVENILE	86	53%							PLYMOUTH	4	4%			
WARE	5	3%							PLYMOUTH					
WESTFIELD	4	2%							CTY. SUP.	0	0%			
									QUINCY	20	18%			
									STOUGHTON	4	4%			
									TAUNTON	15	13%			
									WAREHAM	5	4%			
									WRENTHAM	5	4%			





## SECTION II - CHARACTERISTICS OF 1991 COMMITMENTS BY REGION

### TABLE VI - SEX, RACE AND AGE AT COMMITMENT BY REGION

In 1991 the Western, Central and Metro regions had the highest number of newly committed girls. The Southeast region had the lowest number.

The highest proportion of minority youth committed to DYS came from the Metro region, while the lowest number came from the Southeast region. The highest proportion of Hispanic, 'other' and black youth came from the Western, Central and Metro regions, respectively.

At the time of commitment the Northeast region had the highest proportion of youth over 15.6 years of age. The Western Region had the largest number of youth under the age of 13.5.

TABLE VI  
SEX, RACE, AND AGE AT COMMITMENT BY REGION

	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
SEX:	150	21.3% 91.5%	127	18.1% 90.1%	104	14.8% 92.0%	130	18.5% 95.6%	192	27.3% 90.1%
	14	21.9% 8.5%	14	21.9% 9.9%	9	14.1% 8.0%	6	9.4% 4.4%	21	32.8% 9.9%
RACE:	61	18.8% 37.9%	85	26.2% 60.3%	61	18.8% 54.0%	97	29.9% 71.3%	20	6.2% 9.4%
	47	19.1% 29.2%	12	4.9% 8.5%	17	6.9% 15.0%	20	8.1% 14.7%	150	61.0% 70.4%
	48	28.4% 29.8%	34	20.1% 24.1%	33	19.5% 29.2%	16	9.5% 11.8%	38	22.5% 17.8%
	5	20.0% 3.1%	10	40.0% 7.1%	2	8.0% 1.8%	3	12.0% 2.2%	5	20.0% 2.3%
AGE AT COMMITMENT:	2	33.3% 1.2%	1	16.7% 0.7%	1	16.7% 0.9%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	33.3% 0.9%
9.0 - 12.5	8	38.1% 4.9%	5	23.8% 3.6%	2	9.5% 1.8%	1	4.8% 0.7%	5	23.8% 2.3%
12.6 - 13.5	24	27.3% 14.6%	18	20.5% 12.8%	9	10.2% 8.0%	14	15.9% 10.3%	23	26.1% 10.8%
13.6 - 14.5	38	20.8% 23.2%	43	23.5% 30.5%	23	12.6% 20.4%	29	15.8% 21.3%	50	27.3% 23.5%
14.6 - 15.5	50	20.8% 30.5%	37	15.4% 26.2%	40	16.7% 35.4%	47	19.6% 34.6%	66	27.5% 31.0%
15.6 - 16.5	40	17.6% 24.4%	37	16.3% 26.2%	38	16.7% 33.6%	45	19.8% 33.1%	67	29.5% 31.5%
16.6 + OVER										

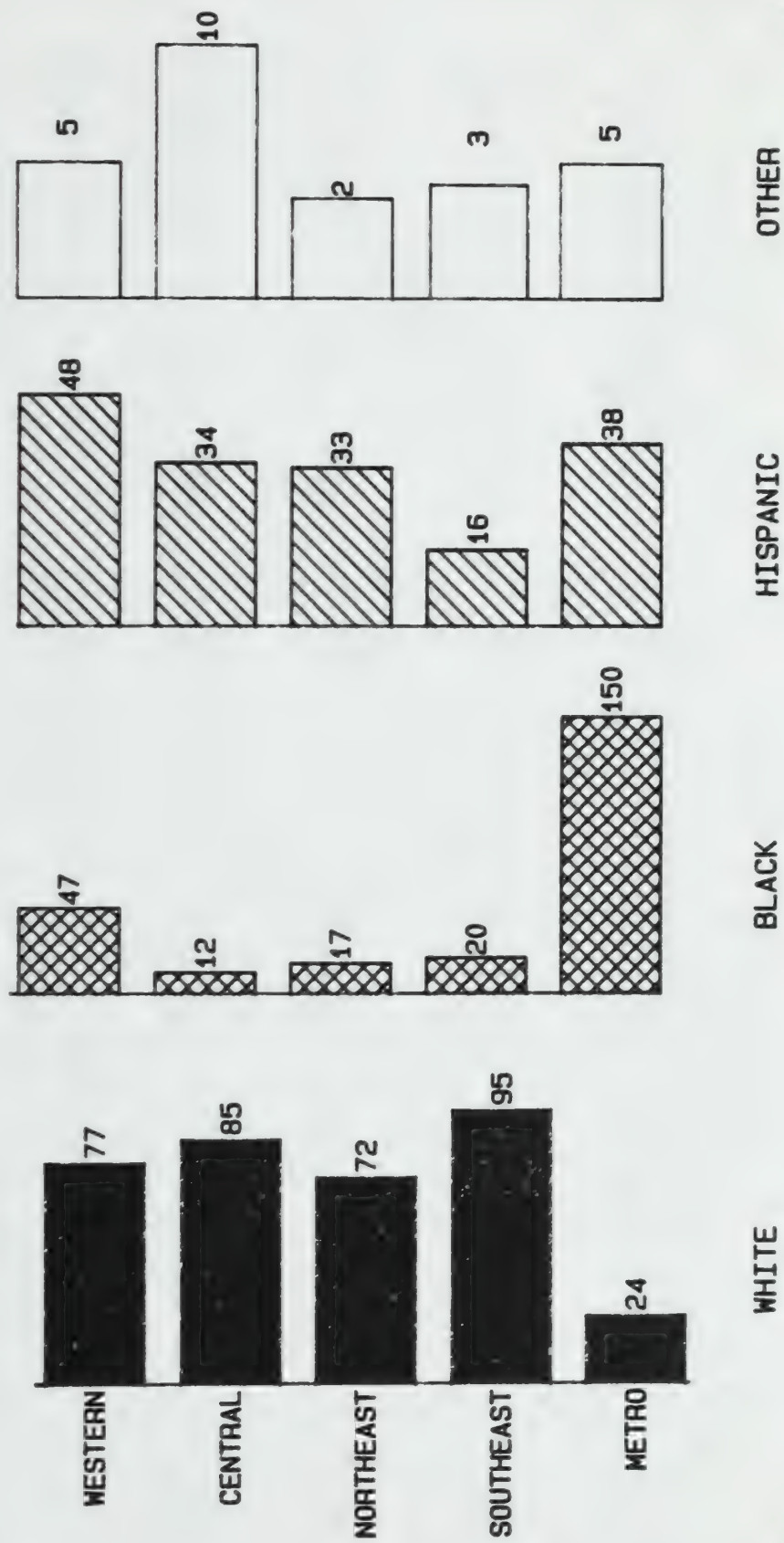
NOTE: TABLES IN THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF THIS REPORT SHOULD BE READ AS FOLLOWS:

SEX: WESTERN REGION  
MALE 150 21.3% 95.1%

In 1991 there were 150 males newly committed to the Western region. These males represent 21.1% of all the males committed in 1991. These 150 males also represent 95.1% of all new commitments in the Western region.



GRAPH 3  
COMMITMENTS BY RACE  
1991







In 1991 the Metro Region again received over half of the black males committed to the Department (61%). This represents a five percent increase in the number of black youth committed to that region since 1990. Similarly, the Western and Southeast regions had the highest proportions of newly committed Hispanic (39%) and white (31%) youth.

Metro Region also had the highest percentage of black (57%) and Hispanic (50%) females committed in 1991. By contrast, Central Region received the highest percentage of white female clients.

TABLE VII  
RACE AND SEX BY REGION

	WESTERN			CENTRAL			NORTHEAST			SOUTHEAST			METRO		
	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %
WHITE:															
MALE	57	19.2%	34.8%	77	25.9%	54.6%	55	18.5%	48.7%	91	30.6%	66.9%	17	5.7%	8.0%
FEMALE	4	14.8%	2.4%	8	29.6%	5.7%	6	22.2%	5.3%	6	22.2%	4.4%	3	11.1%	1.4%
BLACK:															
MALE	43	19.3%	26.2%	8	3.6%	5.7%	15	6.7%	13.3%	20	9.0%	14.7%	137	61.4%	64.3%
FEMALE	4	17.4%	2.4%	4	17.4%	2.8%	2	8.7%	1.8%	0	0.0%	0.0%	13	56.5%	6.1%
HISPANIC:															
MALE	46	28.6%	28.0%	33	20.5%	23.4%	32	19.9%	28.3%	16	9.9%	11.8%	34	21.1%	16.0%
FEMALE	2	25.0%	1.2%	1	12.5%	0.7%	1	12.5%	0.9%	0	0.0%	0.0%	4	50.0%	1.9%
OTHER:															
MALE	4	18.2%	2.4%	9	40.9%	6.4%	2	9.1%	1.8%	3	13.6%	2.2%	4	18.2%	1.9%
FEMALE	4	66.7%	3.7%	1	16.7%	1.6%	0	-	0.0%	0	-	0.0%	1	16.7%	0.5%





**TABLE VIII - AGE AND INCOME BY REGION**

Trends evidenced in 1990 age categories between regions have held over into the new year. Ages continue to vary between regions with the largest age differences being evidenced between the Northeast-Southeast regions and the Western region (7 month age difference). The youngest youth committed in 1991 came from the Western region and was 11 years of age. The oldest was from the Metro region and was 18.4 years of age.

The median family income ranged from \$8,904 in the Metro region to \$13,452 in the Southeast region. Additionally, median family incomes saw decreases in three regions, with the largest decrease found in the Central region (-\$3,500). The largest increase in the remaining regions was found in the Metro region (+ \$1,704).

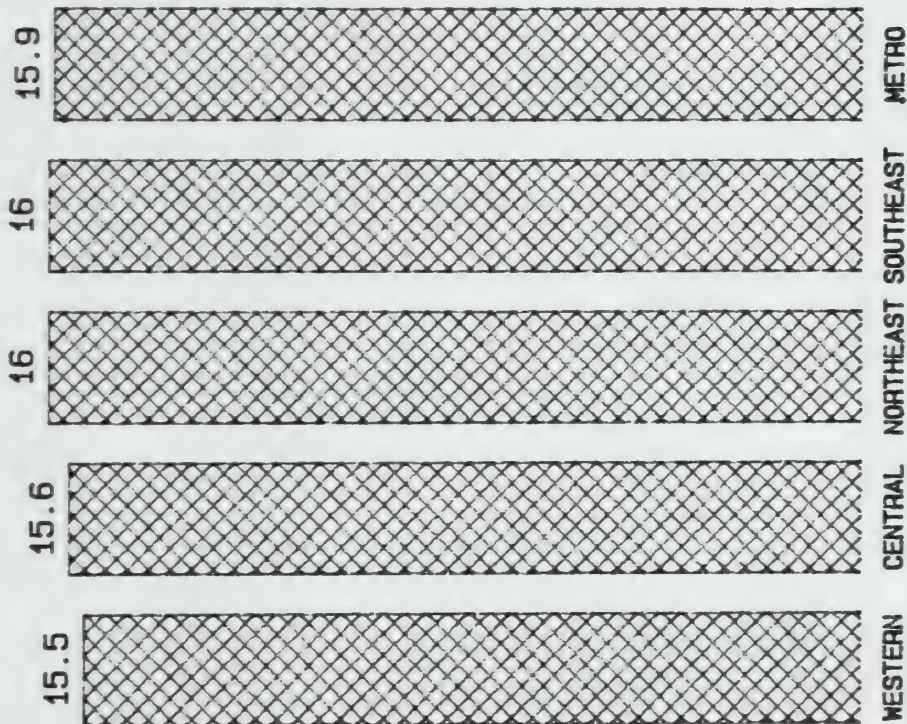
**TABLE VIII  
AGE AND INCOME BY REGION**

	WESTERN	CENTRAL	NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	METRO	STATEWIDE AVERAGE
AGE:						
MEAN AGE	15.5	15.6	16.0	16.0	15.9	15.9
MEDIAN AGE	15.7	15.6	16.2	16.1	15.1	16.1
LOWEST AGE	11.0	11.2	12.4	13.5	11.8	10.3
HIGHEST AGE	17.8	17.8	17.1	17.1	18.4	18.2
INCOME:						
MEAN INCOME	\$13,374	\$14,663	\$15,093	\$18,271	\$11,038	\$14,827
MEDIAN INCOME	\$9,704	\$10,900	\$10,056	\$13,452	\$8,904	\$10,440
LOWEST INCOME	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HIGHEST INCOME	\$72,000	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$70,000 +	\$92,705	\$99,999 +



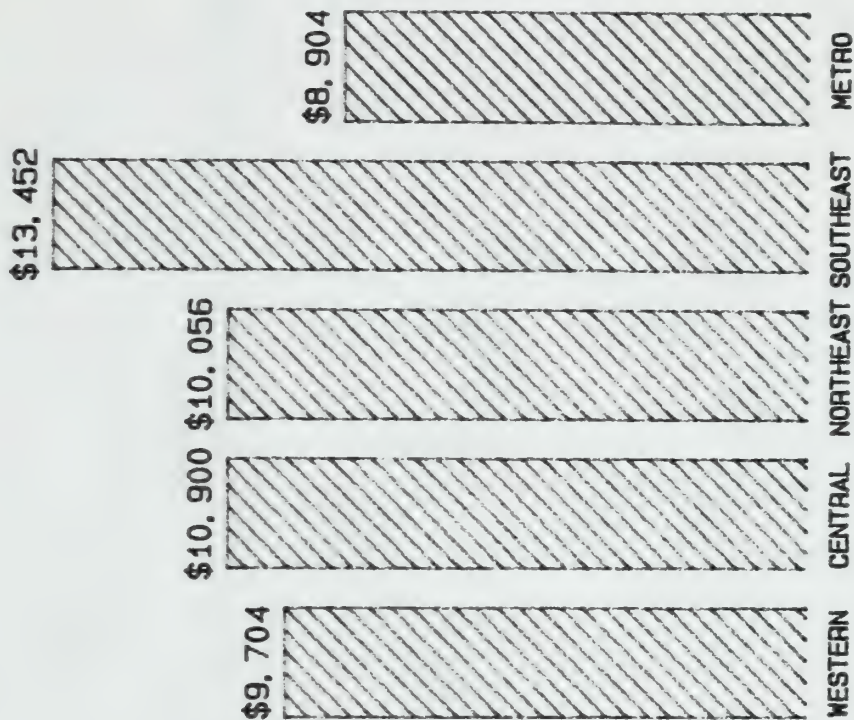
GRAPH 4

AGE BY REGION  
MEAN AGE AT COMMITMENT



GRAPH 5

FAMILY INCOME BY REGION  
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME









**TABLE IX – OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

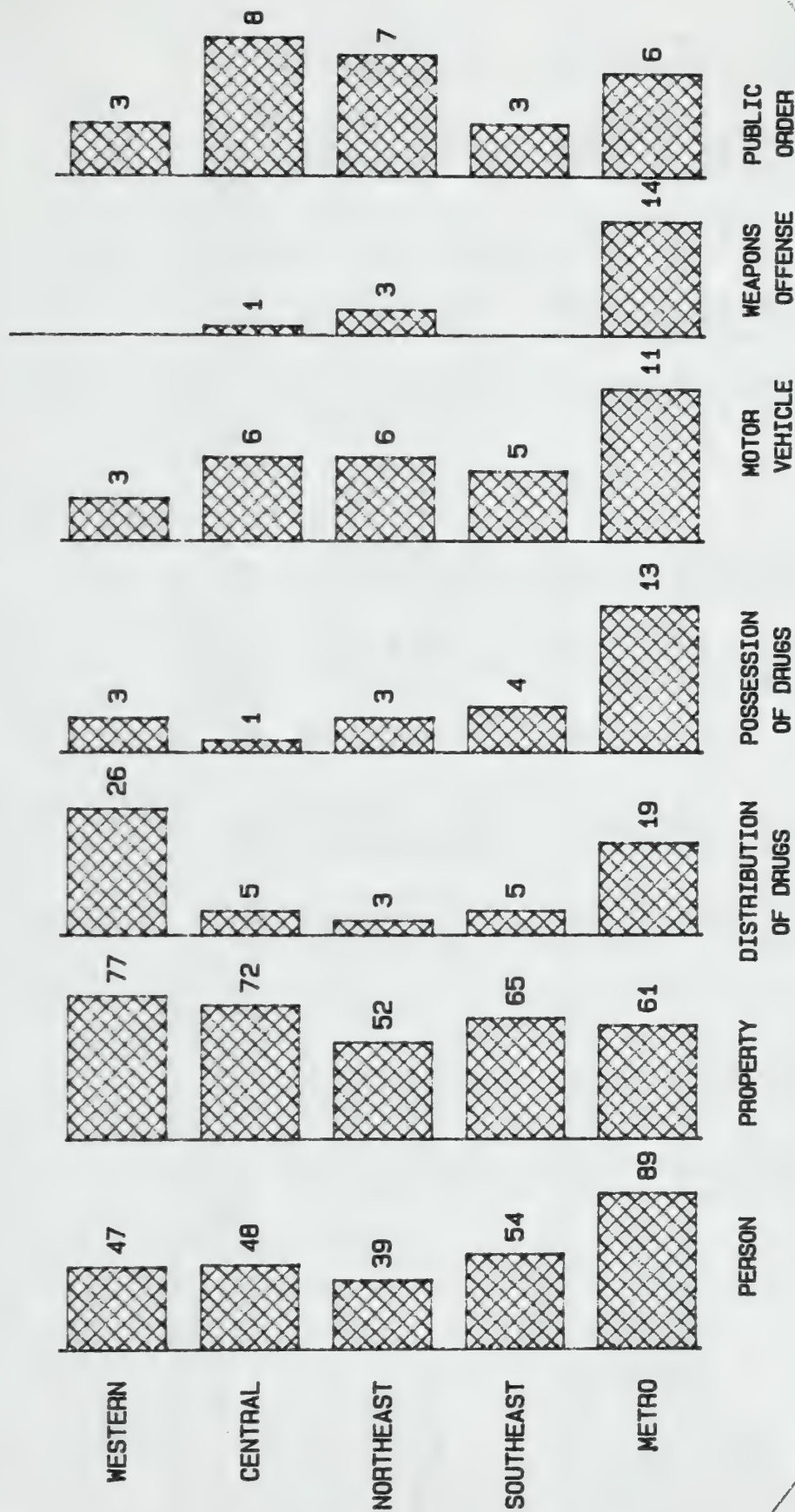
While the highest committing offenses in four out of the five regions were against property, the Metro region had the highest number of youth committed to their region on offenses against persons. Metro also had the highest number of youth committed on drug possession charges. In contrast, the Western region had the highest number of youth committed on drug distribution charges, while Central region had the highest number of public order commitments.

**TABLE IX  
OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

OFFENSE TYPE:	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
AGAINST PERSON	47	17.0% 29.6%	48	17.3% 34.0%	39	14.1% 34.5%	54	19.5% 39.7%	89	32.1% 41.8%
AGAINST PROPERTY	77	23.5% 48.4%	72	22.0% 51.1%	52	15.9% 46.0%	65	19.9% 47.8%	61	18.7% 28.6%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	26	44.8% 16.4%	5	8.6% 3.5%	3	5.2% 2.7%	5	8.6% 3.7%	19	32.8% 8.9%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	3	12.5% 1.9%	1	4.2% 0.7%	3	12.5% 2.7%	4	16.7% 2.9%	13	54.2% 6.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE	3	9.7% 1.9%	6	19.4% 4.3%	6	19.4% 5.3%	5	16.1% 3.7%	11	35.5% 5.2%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	0	0.0% 0.0%	1	5.6% 0.7%	3	16.7% 2.7%	0	0.0% 0.0%	14	77.8% 6.6%
PUBLIC ORDER	3	11.1% 1.9%	8	29.6% 5.7%	7	25.9% 6.2%	3	11.1% 2.2%	6	22.2% 2.8%



GRAPH 6  
OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION  
1991



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TABLE X - SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION

In 1990, with the exception of sexual offenses, Metro region received the highest number of offenders in every person offense category. The largest number of sexual offenders were again committed to the Western Region.

When comparing offenses within regions, the greatest number of committed youth in the Central and Western regions were charged with burglary and possession of burglarious tools. The Southeast and Northeast regions had youth committed in equal numbers for possession of burglarious tools and larceny. Finally, the largest number of youth committed to the Metro region were for armed robbery charges.

TABLE X

OFFENSE	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
MURDER	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	100.0% 0.9%
MANSLAUGHTER	1	10.0% 0.7%	2	20.0% 1.4%	0	0.0% 0.0%	3	30.0% 2.2%	4	40.0% 1.9%
ARMED ASSAULT	3	2.9% 2.0%	22	21.6% 15.6%	17	16.7% 15.0%	24	23.5% 17.6%	36	35.3% 16.9%
UNARMED ASSAULT	19	22.6% 12.7%	11	13.1% 7.8%	14	16.7% 12.4%	17	20.2% 12.5%	23	27.4% 10.8%
ARMED ROBBERY	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	13.3% 1.4%	2	13.3% 1.8%	2	13.3% 1.5%	9	60.0% 4.2%
UNARMED ROBBERY	1	7.1% 0.7%	2	14.3% 1.4%	3	21.4% 2.7%	2	14.3% 1.5%	6	42.9% 2.8%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	9	30.0% 6.0%	7	23.3% 5.0%	3	10.0% 2.7%	6	20.0% 4.4%	5	16.7% 2.3%
KIDNAPPING	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%	0	- 0.0%
THREATS, ETC.	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	33.3% 1.4%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	4	66.7% 1.9%
ARSON	3	30.0% 2.0%	4	40.0% 2.8%	2	20.0% 1.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%	1	10.0% 0.5%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	32	24.6% 21.3%	33	25.4% 23.4%	19	14.6% 16.8%	28	21.5% 20.6%	18	13.8% 8.5%
LARCENY	20	20.0% 13.3%	15	15.0% 10.6%	19	19.0% 16.8%	28	28.0% 20.6%	18	18.0% 8.5%
REC. STOLEN PROPERTY	19	29.7% 12.7%	13	20.3% 9.2%	9	14.1% 8.0%	4	6.3% 2.9%	19	29.7% 8.9%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	3	13.0% 2.0%	7	30.4% 5.0%	3	13.0% 2.7%	5	21.7% 3.7%	5	21.7% 2.3%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	26	44.8% 17.3%	5	8.6% 3.5%	3	5.2% 2.7%	5	8.6% 3.7%	19	32.8% 8.9%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	3	12.5% 2.0%	1	4.2% 0.7%	3	12.5% 2.7%	4	16.7% 2.9%	13	54.2% 6.1%
SEX OFFENSES	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	100.0% 1.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	8	22.2% 5.3%	6	16.7% 4.3%	6	16.7% 5.3%	5	13.9% 3.7%	11	30.6% 5.2%
PUBLIC ORDER	3	7.0% 2.0%	9	20.9% 6.4%	8	18.6% 7.1%	3	7.0% 2.2%	20	46.5% 9.4%
FRAUD	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS





TABLE XI - MONTH OF COMMITMENT BY REGION

The number of commitments in the Western and Metro regions were somewhat steady throughout the year. Greater variations were seen within the remaining regions.

TABLE XI

1991

MONTH OF COMMITMENT	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO		TOTAL	
	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %
TOTAL	164	100.0%	141	100.0%	113	100.0%	136	100.0%	213	100.0%	767	100.0%
JANUARY	14	8.5%	16	11.3%	6	5.3%	9	6.6%	21	9.9%	66	8.6%
FEBRUARY	10	6.1%	18	12.8%	5	4.4%	11	8.1%	17	8.0%	61	8.0%
MARCH	16	9.8%	14	9.9%	8	7.1%	7	5.1%	13	6.1%	58	7.6%
1ST QUARTER	40	24.4%	48	34.0%	19	16.8%	27	19.9%	51	23.9%	185	24.1%
APRIL	20	12.2%	10	7.1%	13	11.5%	11	8.1%	16	7.5%	70	9.1%
MAY	14	8.5%	21	14.9%	13	11.5%	15	11.0%	23	10.8%	86	11.2%
JUNE	11	6.7%	13	9.2%	6	5.3%	15	11.0%	26	12.2%	71	9.3%
2ND QUARTER	45	27.4%	44	31.2%	32	28.3%	41	30.1%	65	30.5%	227	29.6%
JULY	10	6.1%	12	8.5%	12	10.6%	18	13.2%	12	5.6%	64	8.3%
AUGUST	14	8.5%	11	7.8%	5	4.4%	16	11.8%	14	6.6%	60	7.8%
SEPTEMBER	13	7.9%	5	3.5%	16	14.2%	6	4.4%	15	7.0%	55	7.2%
3RD QUARTER	37	22.6%	28	19.9%	33	29.2%	40	29.4%	41	19.2%	179	23.3%
OCTOBER	17	10.4%	11	7.8%	12	10.6%	11	8.1%	23	10.8%	74	9.6%
NOVEMBER	16	9.8%	6	4.3%	9	8.0%	9	6.6%	16	7.5%	56	7.3%
DECEMBER	9	5.5%	4	2.8%	8	7.1%	8	5.9%	17	8.0%	46	6.0%
4TH QUARTER	42	25.6%	21	14.9%	29	25.7%	28	20.6%	56	26.3%	176	22.9%



**TABLE XII - LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION**

The average grade completed by newly committed youth in 1991 was the 8th. Following the 8th grade, the next average grade completed was the 9th.

Very few of the newly committed youth were below the 5th grade level or above the 11th grade level.

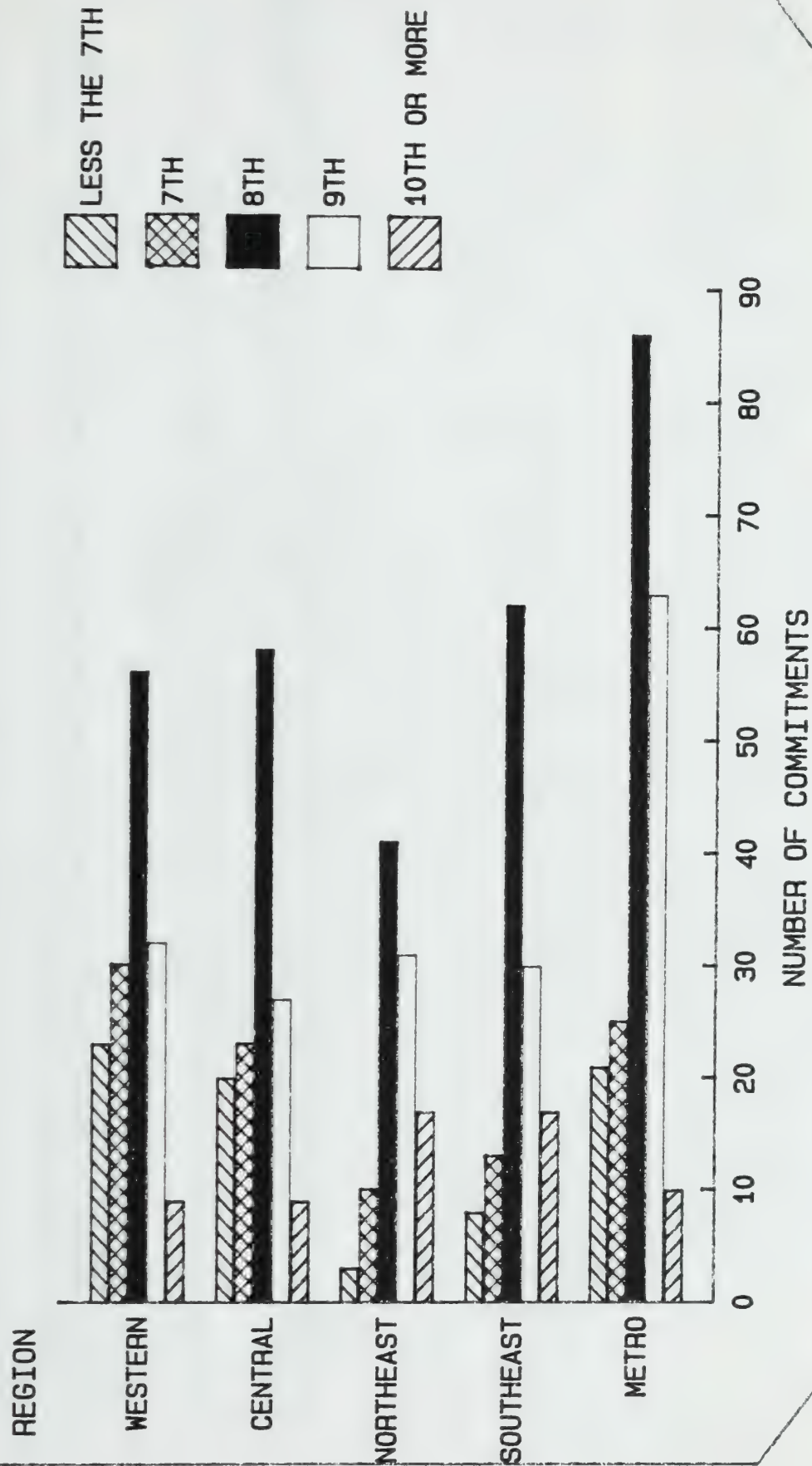
**TABLE XII  
LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION**

	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
<b>LAST GRADE COMPLETED:</b>										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>20.7% 100.0%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>18.9% 100.0%</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>14.1% 100.0%</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>18.0% 100.0%</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>28.3% 100.0%</b>
4TH OR LESS	2	50.0% 1.3%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	1	25.0% 0.8%	1	25.0% 0.5%
5TH	1	20.0% 0.7%	1	20.0% 0.7%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%	3	60.0% 1.5%
6TH	20	30.3% 13.3%	19	28.8% 13.9%	3	4.5% 2.9%	7	10.6% 5.4%	17	25.8% 8.3%
7TH	30	29.7% 20.0%	23	22.8% 16.8%	10	9.9% 9.8%	13	12.9% 10.0%	25	24.8% 12.2%
8TH	56	18.5% 37.3%	58	19.1% 42.3%	41	13.5% 40.2%	62	20.5% 47.7%	86	28.4% 42.0%
9TH	32	17.5% 21.3%	27	14.8% 19.7%	31	16.9% 30.4%	30	16.4% 23.1%	63	34.4% 30.7%
10TH	8	15.7% 5.3%	7	13.7% 5.1%	12	23.5% 11.8%	16	31.4% 12.3%	8	15.7% 3.9%
11TH OR MORE	1	9.1% 0.7%	2	18.2% 1.5%	5	45.5% 4.9%	1	9.1% 0.8%	2	18.2% 1.0%





GRAPH 7  
LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION  
1991





# SECTION III - RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CLIENTS' DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

## TABLE XIII - SEX, OFFENSE TYPE AND REGION BY PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS

Eighty-five percent of the youth committed to the Department in 1991 came from fractured homes. The families have been fragmented by divorce, separation, death or by other means.

By gender, the greatest number of newly committed males came from households where parents were separated or divorced, whereas females tended to come from homes where the parents were never married.

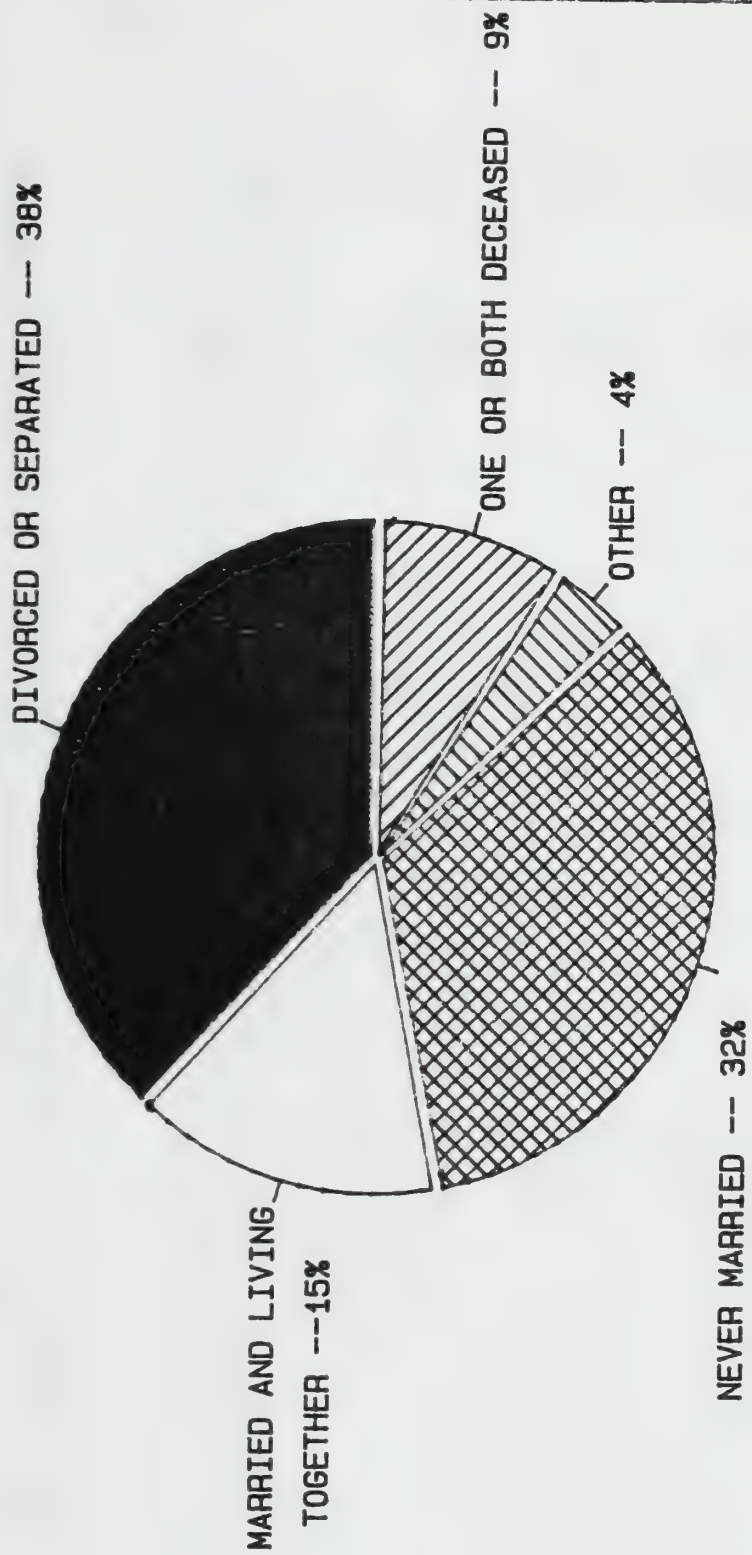
Southeast region had the highest percentage of intact homes (27%), followed by the Northeast region (23%). Conversely, Western region had the highest percentage of parents who were separated, divorced, or never married.

### TABLE XIII SEX, OFFENSE TYPE AND REGION BY PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS

	MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER		DIVORCED OR SEPARATED		NEVER MARRIED		ONE OR BOTH DECEASED		OTHER	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
TOTAL	110	14.8% 100.0%	284	38.2% 100.0%	253	34.0% 100.0%	68	9.1% 100.0%	29	3.9% 100.0%
SEX:										
MALE	106	15.5% 96.4%	267	39.0% 94.0%	226	33.0% 89.3%	62	9.1% 91.2%	24	3.5% 82.8%
FEMALE	4	6.8% 3.6%	17	28.8% 6.0%	27	45.8% 10.7%	6	10.2% 8.8%	5	8.5% 17.2%
OFFENSE TYPE:										
PERSON	39	14.6%	97	36.2%	93	34.7%	24	9.0%	15	6.6%
PROPERTY	54	16.9%	133	41.7%	89	27.9%	31	9.7%	12	4.5%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	4	7.1%	16	28.6%	29	51.8%	5	8.9%	2	3.8%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	3	12.5%	8	33.3%	13	54.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	5	14.3%	17	48.6%	10	28.6%	3	8.6%	0	0.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	5.9%	3	17.7%	11	64.7%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	4	16.0%	10	40.0%	8	32.0%	3	12.0%	0	0.0%
REGION:										
WESTERN	13	7.9%	76	46.3%	57	34.8%	10	6.1%	8	4.9%
CENTRAL	22	15.8%	63	45.3%	38	27.3%	16	11.5%	0	0.0%
NORTHEAST	25	23.4%	32	29.9%	34	31.8%	10	9.3%	6	5.6%
SOUTHEAST	30	22.1%	53	39.0%	29	21.3%	18	13.2%	6	4.4%
METRO	20	10.1%	60	30.3%	95	48.0%	14	7.1%	9	4.6%



GRAPH 8  
PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS  
1991







**TABLE XIV - AGE, RACE AND OFFENSE BY SEX**

Characteristics of newly committed youths continue to vary by sex.

- AGE:** Newly committed males appear to be slightly older than their female counterparts this year, with 30% of males being over 16.5 as compared to 25% of the females.
- RACE:** Unlike in past years, the majority of males and females coming into the department in 1991 were non-white.
- OFFENSE TYPE:** Within gender categories, there was a higher percentage of females committed on person, drug possession, motor vehicle, and public order offenses in 1991, when compared to male offense breakdowns.

**TABLE XIV  
AGE, RACE AND OFFENSE BY SEX**

	MALE			FEMALE		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
<b>AGE:</b>						
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	8	100.0%	1.1%	0	0.0%	0.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	20	95.2%	2.8%	1	4.8%	1.6%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	79	89.8%	11.2%	9	10.2%	14.1%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	164	89.6%	23.3%	19	10.4%	29.7%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	221	92.1%	31.4%	19	7.9%	29.7%
16.6 +	211	93.0%	30.0%	16	7.1%	25.0%
<b>RACE:</b>						
WHITE	297	91.7%	42.2%	27	8.3%	42.2%
BLACK	223	90.7%	31.7%	23	9.4%	35.9%
HISPANIC	161	95.3%	22.9%	8	4.7%	12.5%
OTHER	22	78.6%	3.1%	6	21.4%	9.4%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE</b>						
PERSON	254	91.7%	38.2%	23	8.3%	40.4%
PROPERTY	304	93.0%	45.7%	23	7.0%	40.4%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	55	94.8%	8.3%	3	5.2%	5.3%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	21	87.5%	3.2%	3	12.5%	5.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE	31	86.1%	4.7%	5	13.9%	8.8%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	18	100.0%	2.7%	0	0.0%	0.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	20	74.1%	3.0%	7	25.9%	12.3%



TABLE XV - SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY SEX

In 1991, the highest committing offense for females was again unarmed assault. Armed assault and receiving stolen property tied for the second highest committing offense for girls.

Property offenses (burglary & PBT) were the highest committing offenses for male youth. Armed assault was their second highest committing offense.

TABLE XV  
SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY SEX, 1991

	MALE			FEMALE		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
SPECIFIC OFFENSE:						
MURDER	2	100.0%	0.3%	0	0.0%	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	9	90.0%	1.3%	1	10.0%	1.6%
ARMED ASSAULT	106	91.4%	15.1%	10	8.6%	15.6%
UNARMED ASSAULT	73	86.9%	10.4%	11	13.1%	17.2%
ARMED ROBBERY	14	93.3%	2.0%	1	6.7%	1.6%
UNARMED ROBBERY	14	100.0%	2.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	30	100.0%	4.3%	0	0.0%	0.0%
KIDNAPPING	0	-	0.0%	0	-	0.0%
THREATS, ETC.	6	100.0%	0.9%	0	0.0%	0.0%
ARSON	9	90.0%	1.3%	1	10.0%	1.6%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	125	96.2%	17.8%	5	3.8%	7.8%
LARCENY	90	90.0%	12.8%	10	10.0%	15.6%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	60	93.8%	8.5%	4	6.3%	6.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	20	87.0%	2.8%	3	13.0%	4.7%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	55	94.8%	7.8%	3	5.2%	4.7%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	21	87.5%	3.0%	3	12.5%	4.7%
SEX OFFENSES	1	50.0%	0.1%	1	50.0%	1.6%
MOTOR VEHICLE	31	86.1%	4.4%	5	13.9%	7.8%
PUBLIC ORDER	37	86.0%	5.3%	6	14.0%	9.4%
FRAUD	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%

\*Possession of burglarious tools





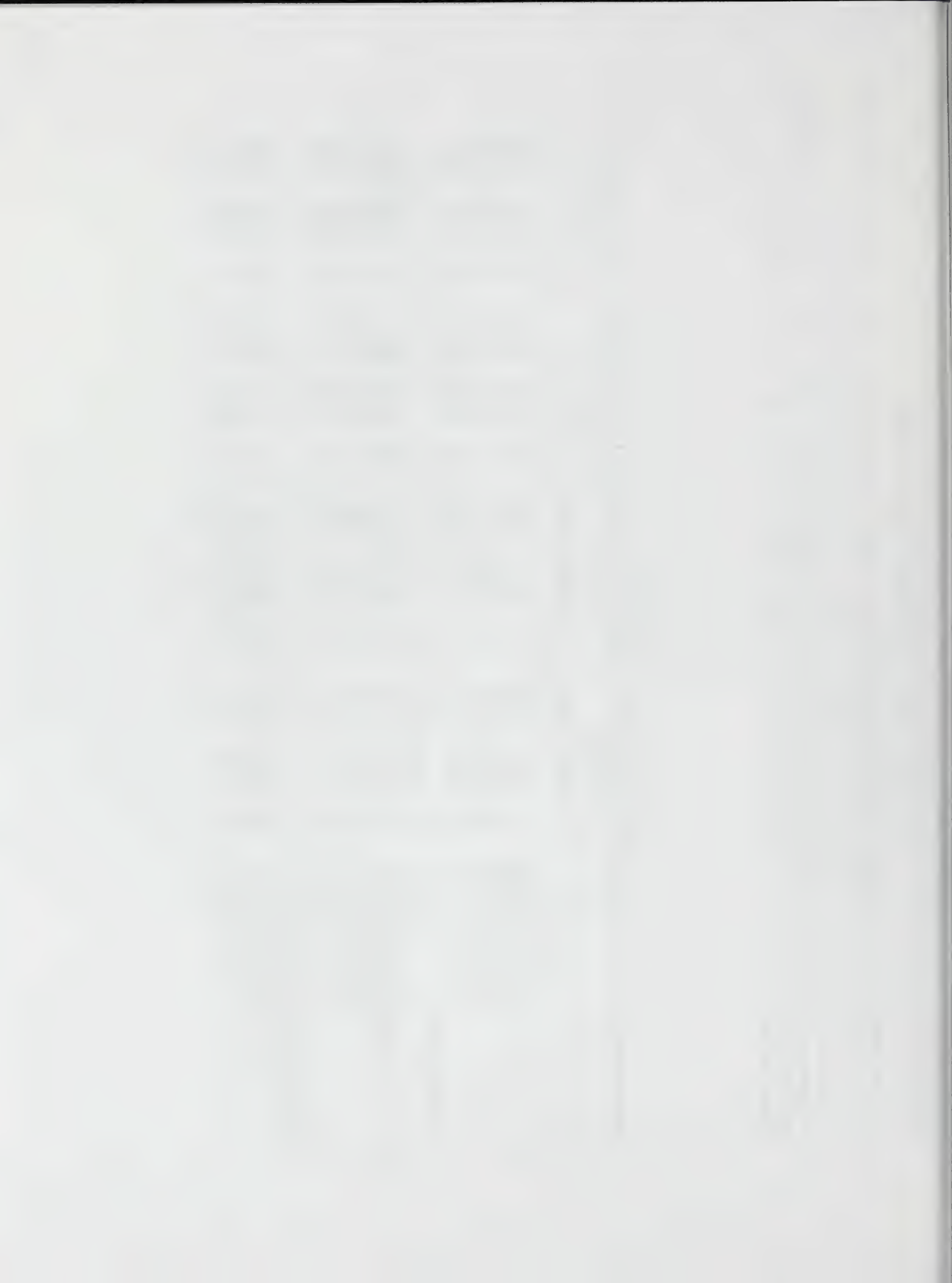
TABLE XVI - AGE, OFFENSE TYPE AND PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS BY RACE

When comparing age by race, the majority of youth in each race category were over the age of 15.5 at the time of commitment. Youth of 'other' racial origins tended to be committed at the youngest age, with 7% being committed before the age of 13.

Over half of the youth committed on property offenses were white. White youth also comprised the majority of youth committed on person offenses. Black youth had the highest commitment rates within the drug and weapon offense categories. Youth of 'other' racial origins were committed at the highest rate for person and property related offenses, with very little activity in other offense categories.

TABLE XVI  
AGE, OFFENSE TYPE AND PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS BY RACE

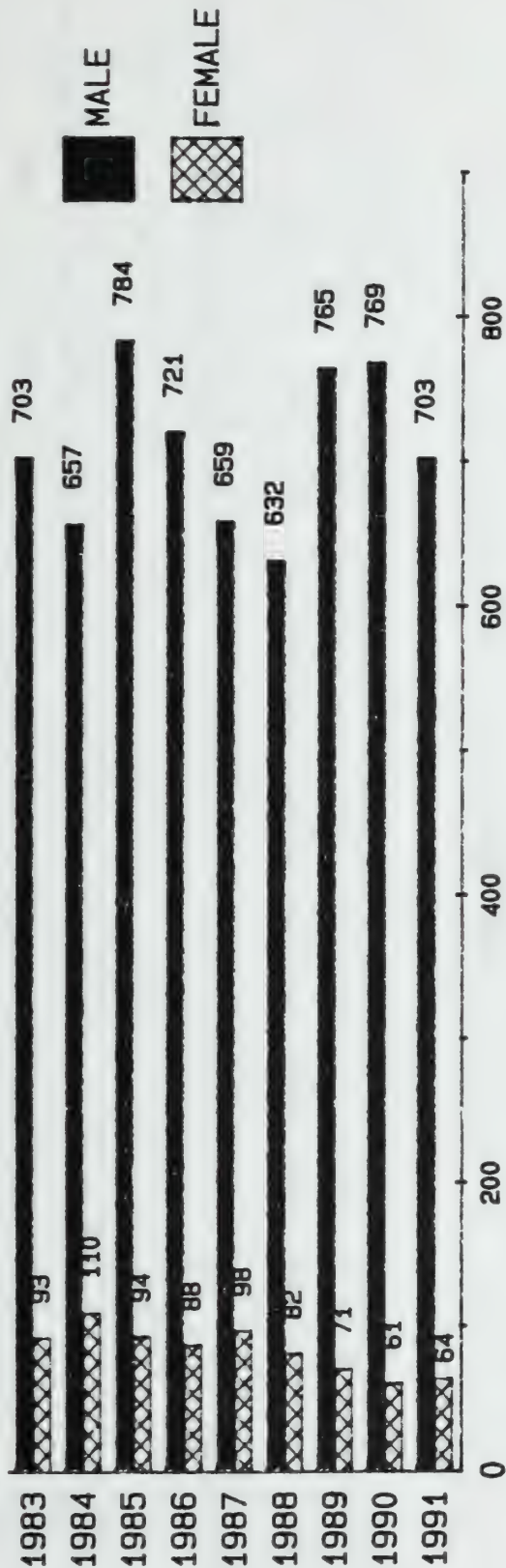
	WHITE			BLACK			HISPANIC			OTHER		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
AGE:												
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	2	25.0%	0.6%	4	50.0%	1.6%	0	0.0%	0.0%	2	25.0%	7.1%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	10	47.6%	3.1%	8	38.1%	3.3%	3	14.3%	1.8%	0	0.0%	0.0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	25	28.4%	7.7%	30	34.1%	12.2%	30	34.1%	17.8%	3	3.4%	10.7%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	80	43.7%	24.7%	52	28.4%	21.1%	45	24.6%	26.6%	6	3.3%	21.4%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	103	42.9%	31.8%	80	33.3%	32.5%	45	18.8%	26.6%	12	5.0%	42.9%
16.6 OR MORE	104	45.8%	32.1%	72	31.7%	29.3%	46	20.3%	27.2%	5	2.2%	17.9%
OFFENSE TYPE:												
PERSON												
PROPERTY	107	38.6%	35.1%	97	35.0%	43.1%	59	21.3%	35.8%	14	5.1%	51.9%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	177	54.1%	58.0%	69	21.1%	30.7%	70	21.4%	42.4%	11	3.4%	40.7%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	2	3.4%	0.7%	31	53.4%	13.8%	23	39.7%	13.9%	2	3.5%	7.4%
MOTOR VEHICLE	4	16.7%	1.3%	16	66.7%	7.1%	4	16.7%	2.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	15	41.7%	4.9%	12	33.3%	5.3%	9	25.0%	5.5%	0	0.0%	0.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	2	11.1%	0.7%	14	77.8%	6.2%	2	11.1%	1.2%	0	0.0%	0.0%
	17	63.0%	5.6%	7	25.9%	3.1%	2	7.4%	1.2%	1	3.7%	3.7%
PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS:												
MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER	68	61.8%	21.3%	21	19.1%	9.0%	11	10.0%	6.7%	10	9.1%	35.7%
DIVORCED OR SEPARATED	154	54.2%	48.3%	72	25.4%	30.8%	53	18.7%	32.5%	5	1.8%	17.9%
NEVER MARRIED	60	23.7%	18.8%	113	44.7%	48.3%	73	28.9%	44.8%	7	2.8%	25.0%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	28	41.2%	8.8%	20	29.4%	8.5%	14	20.6%	8.6%	6	8.8%	21.4%
OTHER	9	31.0%	2.8%	8	27.6%	3.4%	12	41.4%	7.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%



## SECTION IV – DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS: 1983 – 1991



GRAPH 9  
COMMITMENTS BY SEX  
1983 - 1991



NEW COMMITMENTS  
PERCENT CHANGE, 1983 - 1991

	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
1983	-	-4%	10%	2%	-5%	-10%	5%	4%	-4%
1984	-	-	14%	6%	-1%	-7%	9%	8%	-
1985	-	-	-	-8%	-14%	-19%	-5%	-6%	-13%
1986	-	-	-	-	-6%	-12%	3%	3%	-5%
1987	-	-	-	-	-	-6%	10%	10%	+1%
1988	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%	16%	+7%
1989	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7%	-8%
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**TABLE XVII**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE**  
**1983 - 1990**

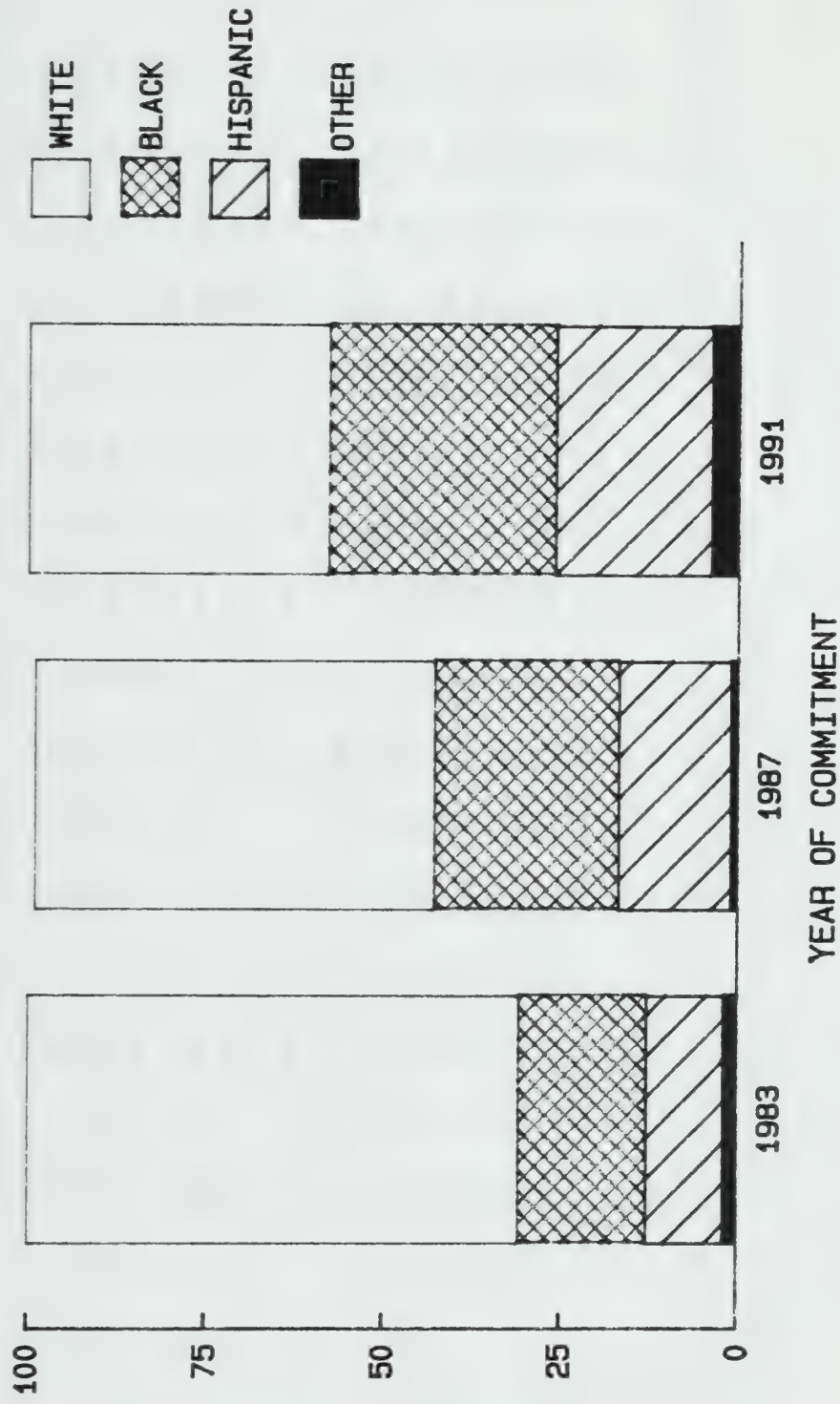
	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
RACE:																		
TOTAL	796	100%	767	100%	878	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%	767	100%
WHITE	554	70%	550	72%	569	65%	521	64%	427	56%	376	53%	395	47%	353	43%	324	42%
BLACK	140	18%	132	17%	193	22%	179	22%	197	26%	202	28%	257	31%	286	34%	246	32%
HISPANIC	90	11%	74	10%	108	12%	100	12%	127	17%	123	17%	165	20%	174	21%	169	22%
OTHER	12	2%	11	1%	8	1%	9	1%	6	1%	13	2%	19	2%	17	2%	28	4%

**TABLE XVIII**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY REGION**  
**1983 - 1990**

	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
REGION:																		
TOTAL	796	100%	767	100%	878	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%	767	100%
WESTERN	184	23%	136	18%	185	21%	147	18%	160	21%	159	22%	185	22%	203	24%	164	21%
CENTRAL	141	18%	166	22%	180	21%	157	19%	121	16%	131	18%	152	18%	139	17%	141	18%
NORTHEAST	155	19%	150	20%	186	21%	157	19%	122	16%	133	19%	140	17%	126	15%	113	15%
SOUTHEAST	161	20%	148	19%	131	15%	140	17%	146	19%	125	18%	148	18%	140	17%	136	18%
METRO	155	19%	167	22%	196	22%	208	26%	208	27%	166	23%	211	25%	222	27%	213	28%



GRAPH 10  
CHANGES IN COMMITMENTS BY RACE  
1983 - 1991







**TABLE XIX**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE**  
1983 - 1991

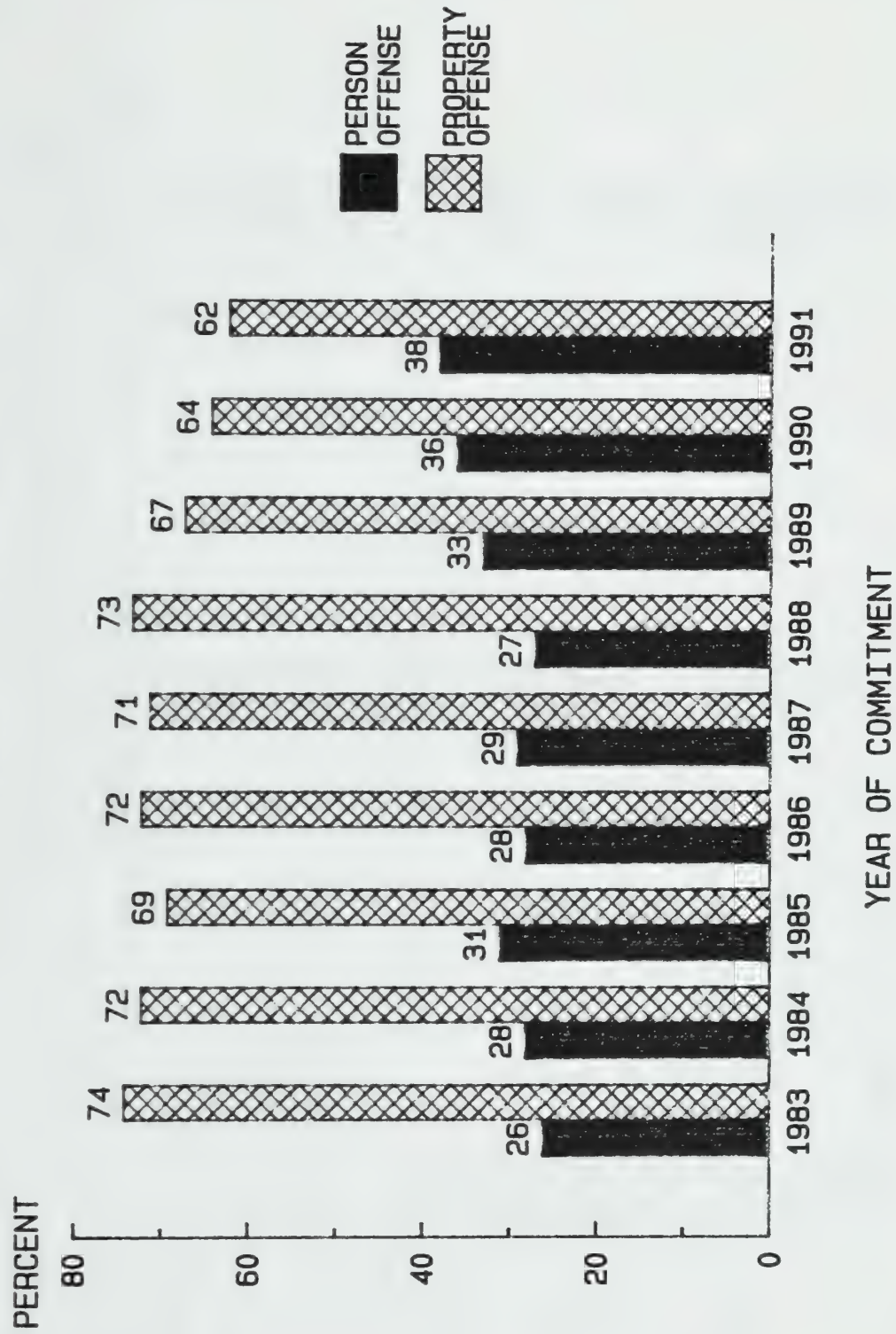
	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
OFFENSE:	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>100%</b>
MURDER	4	1%	5	1%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	3	0%	2	0%
MANSLAUGHTER	3	0%	1	0%	4	0%	0	0%	4	1%	5	1%	3	0%	7	1%	10	1%
ARMED ASSAULT	59	7%	74	10%	80	9%	76	9%	86	11%	60	8%	94	11%	128	15%	116	15%
UNARMED ASSAULT	63	8%	54	7%	79	9%	62	8%	57	8%	54	8%	79	9%	83	10%	84	11%
ARMED ROBBERY	17	2%	16	2%	23	3%	13	2%	14	2%	10	1%	14	2%	10	1%	15	2%
UNARMED ROBBERY	28	4%	23	3%	28	3%	26	3%	17	2%	11	2%	17	2%	8	1%	14	2%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	24	3%	31	4%	43	5%	39	5%	33	4%	37	5%	38	5%	38	5%	30	4%
KIDNAPING	1	0%	0	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
THREATS, ETC.	5	1%	9	1%	9	1%	4	0%	6	1%	3	0%	12	1%	9	1%	6	1%
OTHER PERSON	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
ARSON	14	2%	9	1%	13	1%	19	2%	13	2%	13	2%	4	0%	11	1%	10	1%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	225	28%	193	26%	205	23%	169	21%	160	21%	126	18%	162	19%	134	16%	130	17%
LARCENY	128	16%	145	19%	160	18%	163	20%	141	19%	124	17%	139	17%	111	13%	100	13%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	29	4%	27	4%	27	3%	42	5%	39	5%	43	6%	61	7%	65	8%	64	8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	46	6%	39	5%	46	5%	44	5%	36	5%	39	5%	26	3%	24	3%	23	3%
SEX OFFENSES	8	1%	11	1%	9	1%	5	1%	6	1%	5	1%	3	0%	5	1%	2	0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	47	6%	41	5%	59	7%	52	6%	58	8%	66	9%	38	5%	36	4%	36	5%
PUBLIC ORDER	48	6%	49	6%	55	6%	53	7%	42	6%	48	7%	53	6%	51	6%	43	6%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**	23	3%	23	3%	32	4%	35	4%	39	5%	65	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	49	6%	75	9%	58	8%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	38	5%	32	4%	24	3%
FRAUD	0	0%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%
UNSPECIFIED DELINQUENCY	20	3%	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
MISSING	3	0%	11	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

\* Possession of burglarious tools.

\*\* The controlled substance category was split into distribution of drug and possession of drug categories in 1989.



GRAPH 11  
COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE TYPE  
1983 - 1991



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1. Introduction

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The average youth committed to the Department on a drug possession offense was a black, male between 15.6 & 16.5 years of age. He was committed out of the Metro region and had completed the 8th grade.

The average youth committed on a drug distribution offense was black, male over 16.6 years of age. He was committed out of the Western region and had completed the 9th grade.

TABLE XX  
CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON DRUG OFFENSES

	POSSESSION OF DRUGS		DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	
	N	%	N	%
TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS	24	100.0%	58	100.0%
AGE:				
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	4	16.7%	5	8.6%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	5	20.8%	12	20.7%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	7	29.2%	19	32.8%
16.6 +	8	33.3%	22	37.9%
SEX:				
MALE	21	87.5%	55	94.8%
FEMALE	3	12.5%	3	5.2%
RACE:				
WHITE	4	16.7%	2	3.4%
BLACK	16	66.7%	31	53.4%
HISPANIC	4	16.7%	23	39.7%
OTHER	0	0.0%	2	3.4%
REGION:				
WESTERN	3	12.5%	26	44.8%
CENTRAL	1	4.2%	5	7.2%
NORTHEAST	3	12.5%	3	3.8%
SOUTHEAST	4	16.7%	5	6.4%
METRO	13	54.2%	19	25.7%
LAST GRADE:				
4TH OR LESS	3	12.5%	7	12.1%
5TH	10	47.6%	30	58.8%
6TH	7	29.2%	15	25.9%
7TH	3	12.5%	2	3.4%
8TH	1	4.2%	1	1.7%
9TH	0	0.0%	3	5.2%
10TH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
11TH OR MORE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%





TABLE XX - CHARACTERISTICS OF DRUG OFFENDERS

The average youth committed to the Department on a drug possession offense was a black, male between 15.6 & 16.5 years of age. He was committed to the Metro region and had completed the 8th grade.

The average youth committed on a drug distribution offense was also a black male. He was over 16.6 years of age, was committed in the Western region and had completed the 9th grade.

TABLE XX  
CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON DRUG OFFENSES

	POSSESSION OF DRUGS		DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	
	N	%	N	%
TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS	32	100.0%	75	100.0%
AGE:				
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	0	0.0%	3	4.0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	2	6.3%	3	4.0%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	7	21.9%	17	22.7%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	16	50.0%	25	33.3%
16.6 +	7	21.9%	27	36.0%
SEX:				
MALE	28	87.5%	75	100.0%
FEMALE	4	12.5%	0	0.0%
RACE:				
WHITE	5	15.6%	6	8.0%
BLACK	22	68.8%	43	57.3%
HISPANIC	5	15.6%	22	29.3%
OTHER	0	0.0%	4	5.3%
REGION:				
WESTERN	5	15.6%	37	49.3%
CENTRAL	3	9.4%	5	6.7%
NORTHEAST	2	6.3%	1	1.3%
SOUTHEAST	1	3.1%	8	10.7%
METRO	21	65.6%	24	32.0%
LAST GRADE:				
4TH OR LESS	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
5TH	0	0.0%	2	2.7%
6TH	5	16.1%	3	4.2%
7TH	4	12.9%	16	22.2%
8TH	12	38.7%	27	37.5%
9TH	5	16.1%	19	26.4%
10TH	5	16.1%	4	5.6%
11TH OR MORE	0	0.0%	2	2.7%

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# APPENDIX A - CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTHS WHOSE COMMITMENTS WERE REVISED/REVOKED

Appendix A presents the youths who were newly committed to the Department of Youth Services in 1989, 1990 and 1991, whose commitments were subsequently revoked. In 1991, the average youth whose commitment was revoked was a white male from the Southeast region. He was committed between 21 and 81 days on a public order offense.

**APPENDIX A**  
**CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTHS WHOSE COMMITMENT WAS REVISED/REVOKED**  
**1989 - 1991**

	1989		1990		1991		% CHANGE 1989-1991		% CHANGE 1990-1991	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL YOUTHS REVISED/REVOKED</b>	24	100%	11	100%	16	100%	-8	-33%	5	45%
<b>AGE:</b>										
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	4	17%	0	0%	1	6%	-3	-75%	1	0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	2	8%	2	18%	4	25%	2	100%	2	100%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	6	25%	4	36%	3	19%	-3	-50%	-1	-25%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	5	21%	2	18%	3	19%	-2	-40%	1	50%
16.6 YEARS OR MORE	7	29%	3	27%	5	31%	-2	-29%	2	67%
<b>SEX:</b>										
MALE	14	58%	9	82%	13	81%	-1	-7%	4	44%
FEMALE	10	42%	2	18%	3	19%	-7	-70%	1	50%
<b>RACE:</b>										
WHITE	15	63%	8	73%	13	81%	-2	-13%	5	63%
BLACK	5	21%	2	18%	1	6%	-4	-80%	-1	-50%
HISPANIC	4	17%	1	9%	2	13%	-2	-50%	1	100%
OTHER	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>REGION:</b>										
WESTERN	1	4%	2	18%	2	13%	1	100%	0	0%
CENTRAL	4	17%	4	36%	4	25%	0	0%	0	0%
NORTHEAST	6	25%	1	9%	4	25%	-2	-33%	3	300%
SOUTHEAST	10	42%	4	36%	6	38%	-4	-40%	2	50%
METRO	3	13%	0	0%	0	0%	-3	-100%	0	0%
<b>CHARGE TYPE:</b>										
PERSON	5	21%	4	36%	4	22%	-1	400%	0	0%
PROPERTY	8	33%	2	18%	7	50%	-1	-13%	5	250%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	0	0%	1	9%	0	0%	0	100%	-1	100%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%	-1	0%	0	0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	1	4%	1	9%	0	0%	-1	-100%	-1	-100%
WEAPONS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
PUBLIC ORDER	9	38%	3	27%	7	39%	-2	-22%	4	133%
<b>LENGTH OF COMMITMENT</b>										
0 - 20 DAYS	8	33%	4	36%	4	36%	-4	-50%	0	0%
21 - 81 DAYS	9	38%	4	36%	4	36%	-5	-56%	0	0%
82 - 138 DAYS	6	25%	0	0%	0	0%	-6	-100%	0	0%
139 - 258 DAYS	1	4%	3	27%	3	27%	2	200%	0	0%









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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1992

- \* THERE WERE 870 NEW COMMITMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES IN 1992. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1985, WHEN COMMITMENTS REACHED 878, THIS IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NEW COMMITMENTS THIS DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN IN OVER A DECADE.
- \* FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY, THE MOST COMMON COMMITTING OFFENSES TO DYS WERE FOR CRIMES AGAINST A PERSON. FORTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 1992 WERE COMMITTED ON PERSON OFFENSES RANGING FROM MANSLAUGHTER TO THREATS.
- \* IN 1992 THERE WERE NO COMMITMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON A MURDER CHARGE. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF TWO RECENT LAWS. CHAPTER 267 OF THE ACTS OF 1990 LEGISLATION, WHICH MADE IT EASIER TO TRANSFER JUVENILES CHARGED WITH MURDER INTO THE ADULT SYSTEM AND CHAPTER 488 OF THE 1991 LEGISLATION, WHICH RAISED A NUMBER OF LEGAL ISSUES RESULTING IN APPEALS WHICH HAVE SLOWED THE ADJUDICATORY PROCESS.
- \* THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF YOUTH ENTERING THE DEPARTMENT ON PERSON, DRUG DISTRIBUTION AND WEAPONS OFFENSES CAME FROM THE METRO REGION. WESTERN REGION HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON PROPERTY AND POSSESSION OF DRUG OFFENSES.
- \* THE NUMBER OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON SEXUAL ASSAULTS INCREASED IN 1992. OVERALL THE WESTERN REGION RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON THESE CHARGES, 12 (36%), WHILE THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST REGIONS RECEIVED THE LEAST WITH 3 OF THESE YOUTH EACH.
- \* DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY MAKE UP ONLY 15% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF YOUTH UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, 58% OF ALL NEWLY COMMITTED YOUTH LAST YEAR WERE MINORITY YOUTH.
- \* AGAIN AS IN 1991, ONLY 15% OF THE YOUTH COMMITTED IN 1992 CAME FROM FAMILIES WHERE THE PARENTS ARE CURRENTLY MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER.





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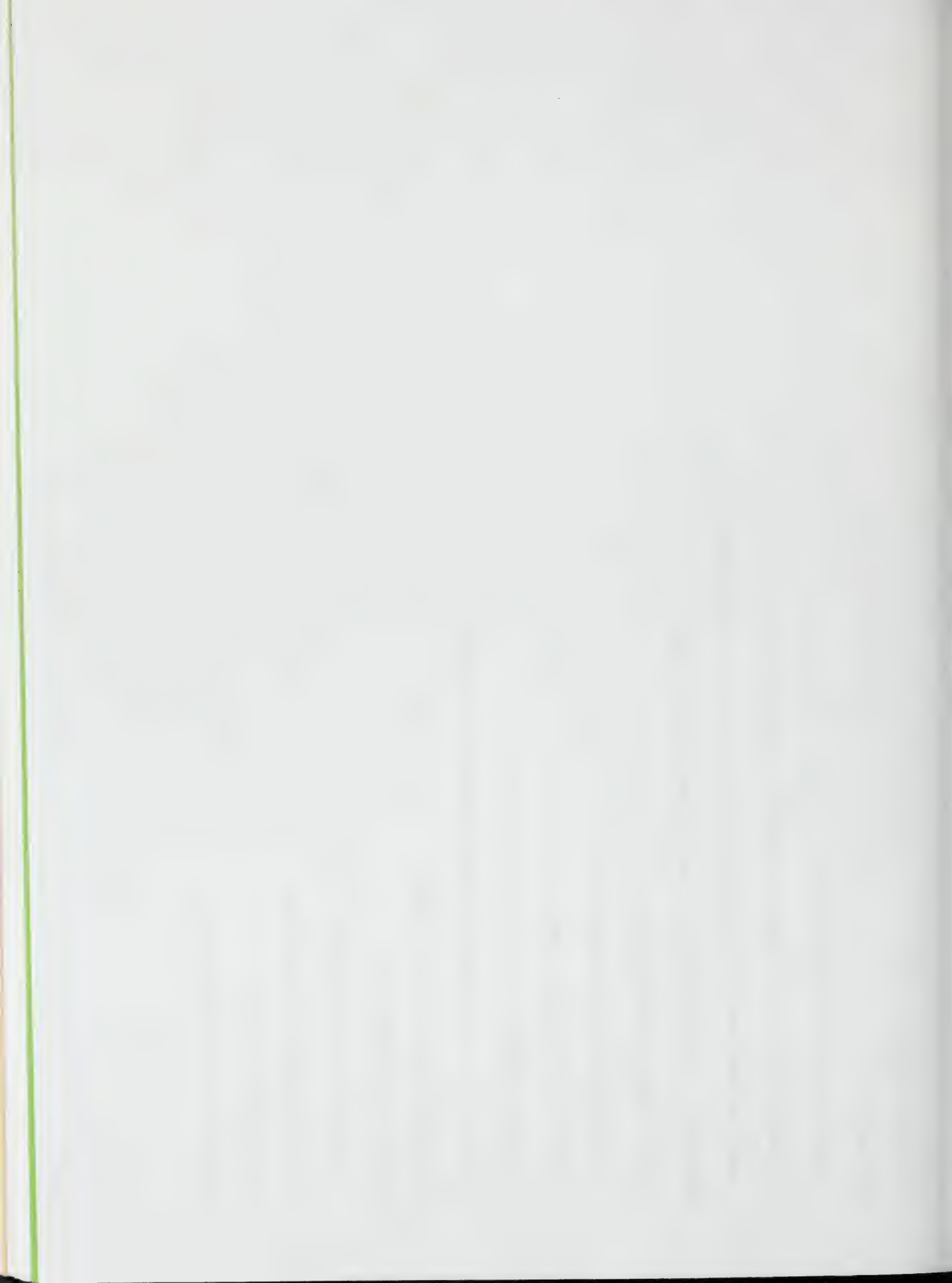
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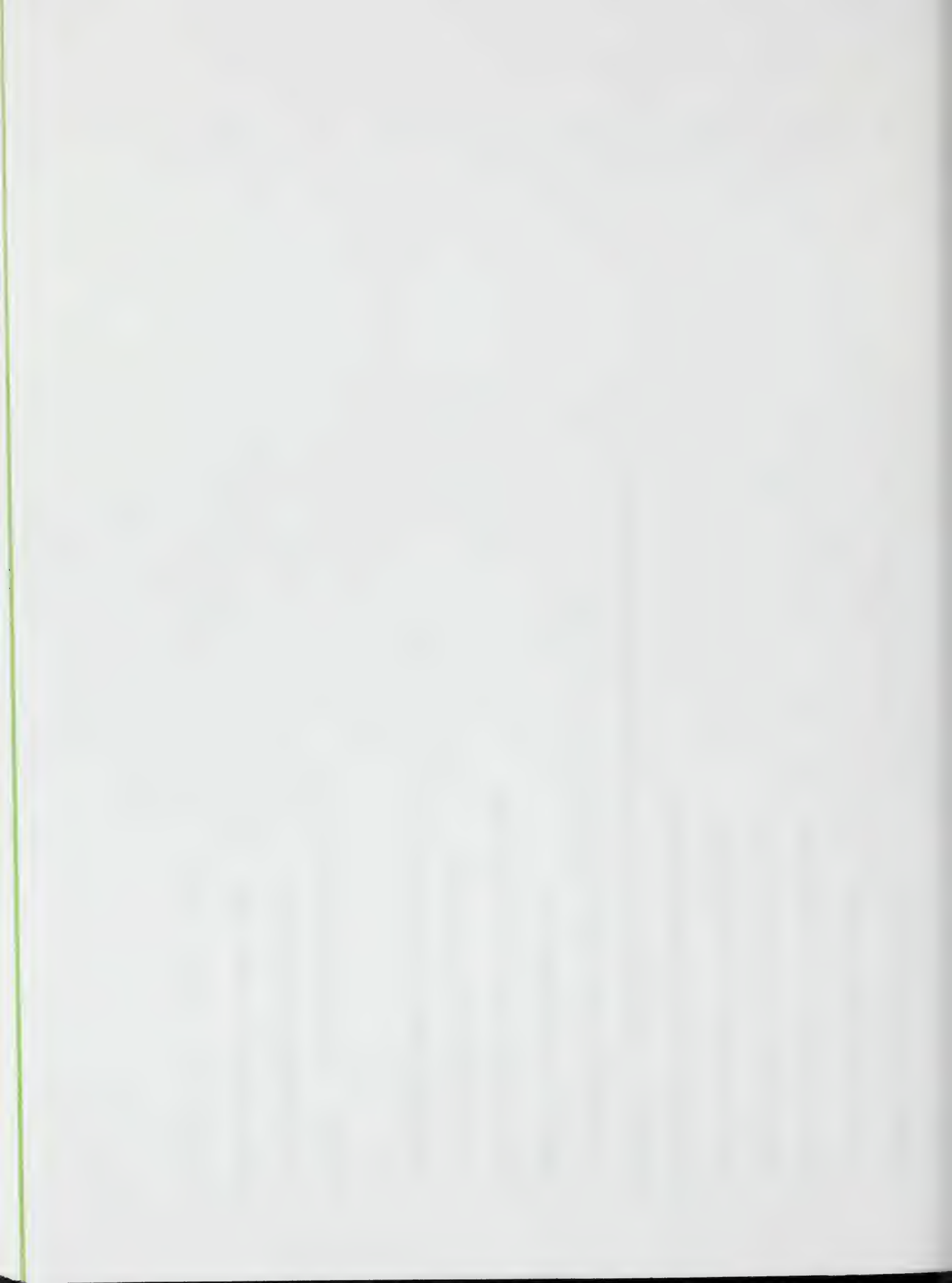
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## INTRODUCTION

The Bureau of Planning, Research and Systems produces the Analysis of Commitment report annually. This report examines the diverse characteristics of youth newly committed to the Department of Youth Services by year. The data utilized to compile this report was obtained by the regional staff at each youth's intake and was entered into the DYS automated client tracking system. This system assists in providing on-going commitment information to the Department.

The 1992 Analysis of Commitment report is composed of four sections. Section I compares the demographics of youth committed in 1991 with those committed in 1992. Section II displays the 1992 regional variations in youth's demographic information. Section III analyzes the correlations existing between various demographic variables in 1992. Section IV summarizes information from 1984 to 1992. The report concludes with an appendix that presents information on youth whose commitments were revised and revoked.

It should be noted that data in this report may not match previous issues of the Analysis of Commitment due to updating. Also, data has been provided for the 36 youth who were committed in 1990, 1991 and 1992 whose commitments were subsequently revised and revoked. In addition, throughout the report there are several instances where the data presented does not add to 870 — the total number of youth committed in 1992. In these cases, not all of the demographic information about the youth was available at the time of intake. Missing data are not included in any calculations and therefore do not affect the percentages presented in this report. Data for all 870 youth newly committed in 1992 was available for the following variables: sex, region, race, age, court, offense and parent's marital status. Missing data for 1992 was limited to the following: last grade completed (20%) and family income (5%).

TABLE I  
COMMITMENT RATES, 1980 - 1992

	NUMBER OF YOUTHS COMMITTED	NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS PER 1,000 ARRAIGNMENTS	COMMITMENT RATE
1980	854	25,943	33	3.3%
1981	855	22,129	39	3.9%
1982	858	20,799	41	4.1%
1983	796	18,122	44	4.4%
1984	767	18,425	42	4.2%
1985	878	19,804	44	4.4%
1986	809	19,793	41	4.1%
1987	757	18,782	40	4.0%
1988	714	18,429	39	3.9%
1989	836	18,688	45	4.5%
1990	830	18,770	44	4.4%
1991	767	18,724	41	4.1%
1992	870	19,069	46	4.6%

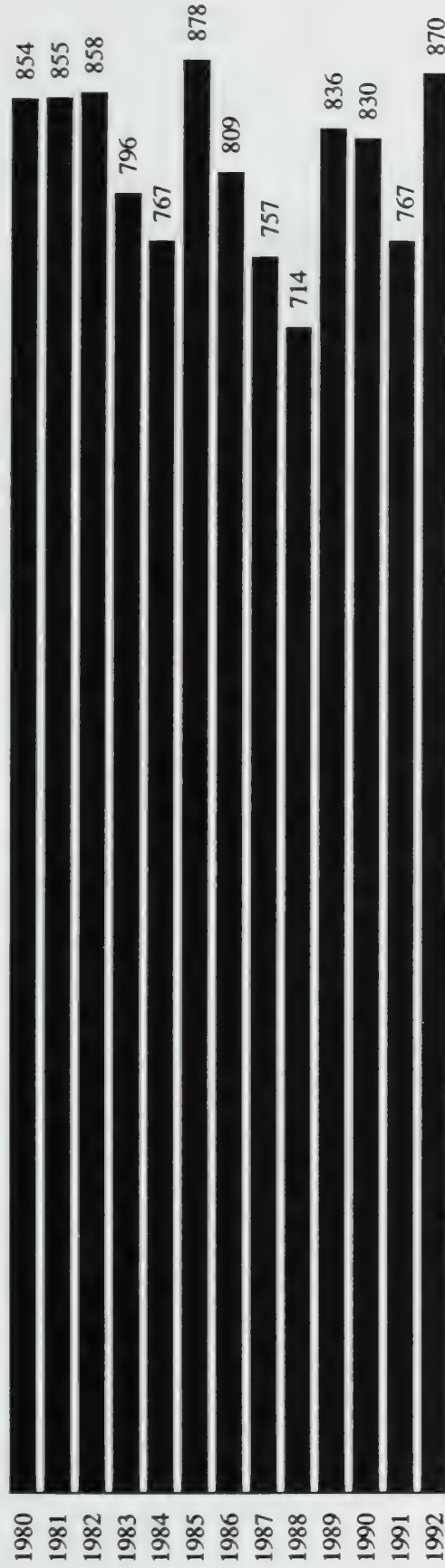


There were 870 youth committed to the Department in 1992. This represents an 13% increase from 1991. The number of juvenile arraignments rose only 1.1% from the previous year. Also in 1992, 4.6% of those youth arraigned, were committed to DYS.

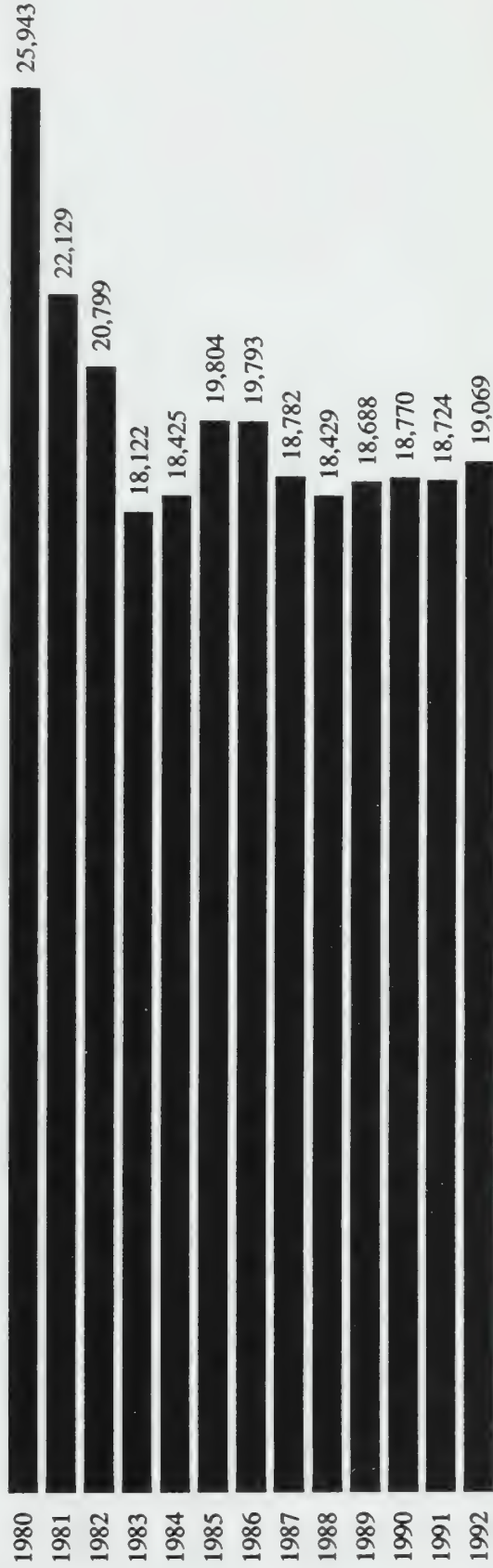
**GRAPH 1**

**ARRAIGNMENTS AND NEW COMMITMENTS TO DYS, 1980 - 1992**

**NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS**



**NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS**

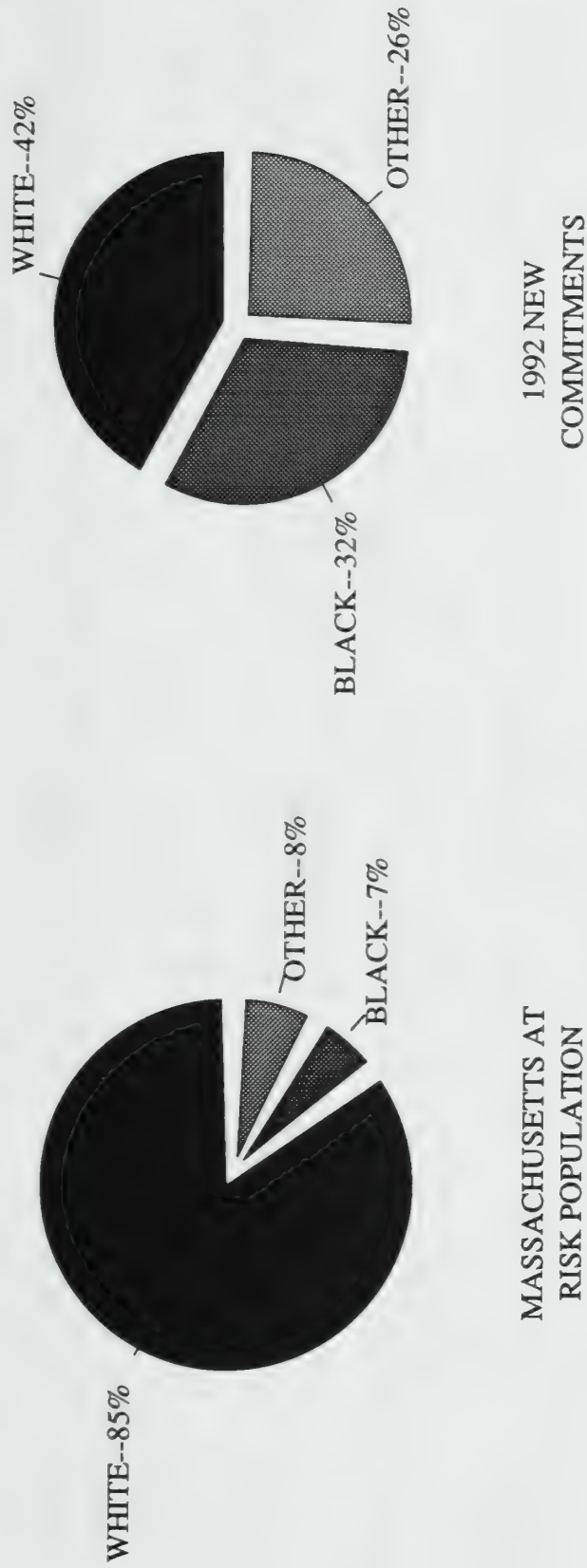






# GRAPH 2

## 1992 NEW COMMITMENTS AND MASSACHUSETTS AT RISK POPULATION



\* At risk population figures are youth 7 to 17 years of age and are based on 1990 census figures.



## SECTION I – HIGHLIGHTS

TABLE II – CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS 1986 – 1992

<b>AGE :</b>	Between 1991 and 1992 the average age of youth committed to DYS remain proportionately the same. Comparisons to 1986 figures reveal that youth committed in 1992 were slightly older.
<b>SEX :</b>	The number of females committed to the Department in 1992 remained close to the number committed in 1991 (up only four females). From 1986 however these number have dropped substantially, with these commitments down 21 youth or 20%.
	Conversely, the number of male commitments continue to rise with commitments up 100 youth over last years numbers and 82 youth or 11 % since 1986.
<b>RACE :</b>	Again minority youth were committed at a higher rate than non-minority youth, 58 % and 42 % respectively. By racial categories, proportions of those committed remain virtually the same. In 1986, the above trend was reversed with non-minority youth being committed at the highest rate (64%) and with minority youth at (36%).
<b>REGION :</b>	Every region experienced an increased number of commitments in 1992, with increases ranging from 16 additional youth in the Metro region to 33 additional in the Southeast region. Proportionately, the percentage of overall commitments received by each region remained almost unchanged from 1991.
<b>OFFENSE TYPE :</b>	For the first time in history, the most common committing offenses to DYS were person offenses (43%), followed by property offenses at 38%. With the exception of those committed on drug offenses (10.3%), commitments for other offenses ranged between 2% and 3.4%. Compared to 1986, youth committed in the majority person offense categories have increased, some by as much as 100%.
<b>FAMILY INCOME :</b>	While the percentage of incomes falling below \$10,189 remained close to those reported in 1991, there was an increase in the percentage of families falling into the highest income brackets.





**TABLE II**  
**CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS**  
**1991 - 1992**

	1991		1992		CHANGE 1991 - 1992		CHANGE 1986-1992	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS</b>	767	100.0%	870	100.0%	103	13.4%	34	8.9%
<b>AGE:</b>								
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	8	1.0%	4	0.5%	-4	-50.0%	-3	-42.9%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	21	2.7%	33	3.8%	12	57.1%	4	13.8%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	88	11.5%	86	9.9%	-2	-2.3%	3	3.6%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	183	23.9%	193	22.2%	10	5.5%	-26	-11.9%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	240	31.3%	301	34.6%	61	25.4%	23	8.3%
16.6 +	227	29.6%	253	29.1%	26	11.5%	67	36.0%
<b>SEX:</b>								
MALE	703	91.7%	803	92.3%	100	14.2%	88	12.3%
FEMALE	64	8.3%	67	7.7%	3	4.7%	-20	-23.0%
<b>RACE:</b>								
WHITE	324	42.2%	364	41.8%	40	12.3%	-151	-29.3%
BLACK	246	32.1%	294	33.8%	48	19.5%	115	64.2%
HISPANIC	169	22.0%	181	20.8%	12	7.1%	82	82.8%
OTHER	28	3.7%	31	3.6%	3	10.7%	22	244.4%
<b>REGION:</b>								
WESTERN	164	21.4%	184	21.1%	20	12.2%	37	25.2%
CENTRAL	141	18.4%	158	18.2%	17	12.1%	2	1.3%
NORTHEAST	113	14.7%	130	14.9%	17	15.0%	-22	-14.5%
SOUTHEAST	136	17.7%	169	19.4%	33	24.3%	30	21.6%
METRO	213	27.8%	229	26.3%	16	7.5%	21	10.1%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE:</b>								
PERSON	277	36.1%	375	43.1%	98	35.4%	154	69.7%
PROPERTY	327	42.6%	329	37.8%	2	0.6%	-106	-24.4%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	58	7.6%	72	8.3%	14	24.1%	58	414.3%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	24	3.1%	17	2.0%	-7	-29.2%	-4	-19.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	36	4.7%	28	3.2%	-8	-22.2%	-24	-46.2%
WEAPONS	18	2.3%	27	3.1%	9	50.0%	14	107.7%
PUBLIC ORDER	27	3.5%	22	2.5%	-5	-18.5%	-24	-52.2%
<b>FAMILY INCOME:</b>								
0 - \$5,328	126	16.4%	126	14.5%	0	0.0%	19	17.8%
\$5,329 - \$7,130	83	10.8%	88	10.1%	5	6.0%	4	4.8%
\$7,131 - \$10,188	142	18.5%	144	16.6%	2	1.4%	38	35.8%
\$10,189 - \$17,316	164	21.4%	220	25.3%	56	34.1%	99	81.8%
\$17,317 +	201	26.2%	292	33.6%	91	45.3%	118	67.8%



**TABLE III – SPECIFIC COMMITTING OFFENSE**

While person offenses on the whole rose in 1992, commitments for murder and manslaughter, the most serious of these offenses, decreased (-100% and -80%, respectively). With the exception of unarmed robbery (-7%), commitments on all other person offenses increased. Changes in property offenses were mixed. The largest increases were experienced in the possession of drug and sex offense categories, while the largest decreases were found in the distribution of drug and public order categories.

Since 1986, the youth committed to the Department have become increasingly more violent. Commitments for manslaughter, armed assault, unarmed robbery, armed robbery and threats have all increased (between 46% and 100%). The majority of property offenders however, have dropped. With the exception of drug, weapon and receiving stolen property offenses, commitments on all property offenses have dropped since 1986 (between -16% and -69%).

**TABLE III**  
**SPECIFIC COMMITTING OFFENSE**  
**1991 – 1992**

OFFENSE	1991		1992		CHANGE 1991 – 1992		CHANGE 1986 – 1992	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
MURDER	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%	-2	-100.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	10	1.3%	2	0.2%	-8	-80.0%	2	100.0%
ARMED ASSAULT	116	14.8%	191	22.0%	75	64.7%	115	151.3%
UNARMED ASSAULT	84	10.7%	99	11.4%	15	17.9%	39	65.0%
ARMED ROBBERY	15	1.9%	19	2.2%	4	26.7%	6	46.2%
UNARMED ROBBERY	14	1.8%	13	1.5%	-1	-7.1%	-13	-50.0%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	30	3.8%	33	3.8%	3	10.0%	-6	-15.4%
KIDNAPPING	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
THREATS, ETC.	6	0.8%	17	2.0%	11	183.3%	13	325.0%
ARSON	10	1.3%	16	1.8%	6	60.0%	-3	-15.8%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	130	16.6%	118	13.6%	-12	-9.2%	-47	-28.5%
LARCENY	100	12.7%	99	11.4%	-1	-1.0%	-64	-39.3%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	64	8.2%	75	8.6%	11	17.2%	33	78.6%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	23	2.9%	20	2.3%	-3	-13.0%	-24	-54.5%
WEAPONS	18	2.3%	27	3.1%	9	50.0%	-17	-38.6%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	58	7.4%	72	8.3%	14	24.1%	58	414.3%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	24	3.1%	17	2.0%	-7	-29.2%	-4	-19.0%
SEX OFFENSES	2	0.3%	5	0.6%	3	150.0%	0	0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	36	4.6%	28	3.2%	-8	-22.2%	-24	-46.2%
PUBLIC ORDER	43	5.5%	17	2.0%	-26	-60.5%	-37	-68.5%
FRAUD	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.0%	-1	-50.0%

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS



**TABLE IV – HIGHEST CONTRIBUTING COURTS**

Springfield Court committed the highest number of youth to the Department in 1992 (83 or 10% of the total number of youth committed statewide).

The New Bedford, Pittsfield and Lynn Courts committed the lowest number of youth at an average of 20 per court, despite their status as members of the 12 courts with the highest number of commitments in 1992. The remaining court commitments ranged from 81 at Dorchester Court to 22 at Quincy Court.

**TABLE IV  
HIGHEST CONTRIBUTING COURTS 1991 – 1992**

COURT AREAS	1991		1992		1991 – 92 CHANGE	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
SPRINGFIELD JUVENILE	86	11.2%	83	9.9%	-3	-3.5%
DORCHESTER	71	9.3%	81	8.2%	10	14.1%
ROXBURY	43	5.6%	56	4.9%	13	30.2%
LOWELL	48	6.3%	49	5.5%	1	2.1%
BOSTON JUVENILE	67	8.7%	47	7.7%	-20	-29.9%
WORCESTER JUVENILE	40	5.2%	40	4.6%	0	0.0%
BROCKTON	20	2.6%	32	2.3%	12	60.0%
HOLYOKE	22	2.9%	27	2.5%	5	22.7%
QUINCY	20	2.6%	22	2.3%	2	10.0%
NEW BEDFORD	25	3.3%	21	2.9%	-4	-16.0%
PITTSFIELD	16	2.1%	21	1.8%	5	31.3%
LYNN	22	2.9%	19	2.5%	-3	-13.6%





TABLE V  
COMMITMENTS BY REGION AND COURT, 1992

WESTERN			CENTRAL			NORTHEAST			SOUTHEAST			METRO		
	N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%
ADAMS	0	0%	AYER	3	2%	AMESBURY	0	0%	ATTLEBORO	9	7%	BOSTON		
BERKSHIRE			CLINTON	1	1%	CAMBRIDGE	16	14%	BARNSTABLE	13	10%	JUVENILE	47	22%
COUNTY SUP.	0	0%	DUDLEY	4	3%	CONCORD	4	3%	BARNSTABLE			BOSTON		
CHICOPEE	10	6%	FITCHBURG	18	12%	ESSEX			CTY. SUP.	0	0%	MUNICIPAL	0	0%
FRANKLIN			FRAMINGHAM	8	5%	CTY. SUP.	2	2%	BRISTOL			BRIGHTON	4	2%
CTY. SUP.	0	0%	GARDNER	6	4%	GLOUCESTER	0	0%	CTY. SUP.			CHARLESTOWN	4	2%
GREAT			LEOMINSTER	2	1%	HAVERHILL	10	9%	BROCKTON	32	24%	CHELSEA	8	4%
BARRINGTON	1	1%	LOWELL	49	32%	IPSWICH	0	0%	BROOKLINE	1	1%	DORCHESTER	81	39%
GREENFIELD	8	5%	MARLBORO	5	3%	LAWRENCE	18	15%	DEDHAM	3	2%	EAST BOSTON	2	1%
HAMPDEN			MILFORD	0	0%	LYNN	19	16%	DUKES			ROXBURY	56	27%
CTY. SUP.	0	0%	NATICK	1	1%	MALDEN	13	11%	COUNTY	0	0%	SOUTH BOSTON	3	1%
HAMPSHIRE			SPENCER	4	3%	MIDDLESEX			EDGARTOWN	0	0%	SUFFOLK		
CTY. SUP.	0	0%	UXBRIDGE	2	1%	CTY. SUP.	1	1%	FALL RIVER	19	14%	CTY. SUP.	0	0%
HOLYOKE	27	15%	WESTBORO	6	4%	NEWBURYPORT	11	9%	HINGHAM	3	2%	WEST ROXBURY	5	2%
LEE	0	0%	WINCHENDON	3	2%	PEABODY	1	1%	NANTUCKET	0	0%			
NORTH ADAMS	6	3%	WORCESTER			SALEM	6	5%	NANTUCKET					
NORTHAMPTON	5	3%	CTY. SUP.	0	0%	SOMERVILLE	7	6%	CTY. SUP.	0	0%			
ORANGE	4	2%	WORCESTER			WALTHAM	5	4%	NEW BEDFORD	21	16%			
PALMER	8	5%	DISTRICT	1	1%	WOBURN	4	3%	NEWTON	0	0%			
PITTSFIELD	21	12%	WORCESTER						NORFOLK					
SPRINGFIELD	0	0%	JUVENILE	40	26%				CTY. SUP.	0	0%			
SPRINGFIELD									ORLEANS	4	3%			
JUVENILE	83	47%							PLYMOUTH	6	5%			
WARE	1	1%							PLYMOUTH					
WESTFIELD	3	2%							CTY. SUP.	0	0%			
									QUINCY	22	17%			
									STOUGHTON	1	1%			
									TAUNTON	8	6%			
									WAREHAM	9	7%			
									WRENTHAM	3	2%			



## SECTION II – CHARACTERISTICS OF 1992 COMMITMENTS BY REGION

TABLE VI – SEX, RACE AND AGE AT COMMITMENT BY REGION

The Western region had the highest number of newly committed females, 22 (33%), while the Northeast had the fewest with 6 (9%). As expected males out numbered females in terms of overall commitment numbers, with the highest number going to the Metro region.

While as in past years the highest proportion of minority youth committed to DYS came from the Metro region, the highest proportion of both Hispanic and 'other' youth came from the Western region. The Southeast region received the highest number of white youth.

The Northeast region again had the highest proportion of youth over the age of 16.6 at the time of commitment (68%). Western region on the other hand, had the youngest youth upon commitment with 7% below the age of 13.5.

TABLE VI  
SEX, RACE, AND AGE AT COMMITMENT BY REGION

	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
SEX:										
MALE	162	20.2%	144	17.9%	124	15.4%	160	19.9%	213	26.5%
FEMALE	22	32.8%	14	20.9%	6	9.0%	9	13.4%	16	23.9%
RACE:										
WHITE	69	19.0%	96	26.4%	69	19.0%	104	28.6%	26	7.1%
BLACK	39	13.3%	15	5.1%	26	8.8%	47	16.0%	167	56.8%
HISPANIC	65	35.9%	36	19.9%	32	17.7%	17	9.4%	31	17.1%
OTHER	11	35.5%	11	35.5%	3	9.7%	1	3.2%	5	16.1%
AGE AT COMMITMENT:										
9.0 – 12.5	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	2	50.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%
12.6 – 13.5	12	36.4%	8	24.2%	1	3.0%	2	6.1%	10	30.3%
13.6 – 14.5	24	27.9%	19	22.1%	10	11.6%	14	16.3%	19	22.1%
14.6 – 15.5	33	17.1%	36	18.7%	30	15.5%	40	20.7%	54	28.0%
15.6 – 16.5	59	19.6%	50	16.6%	38	12.6%	69	22.9%	85	28.2%
16.6 + OVER	55	21.7%	45	17.8%	49	19.4%	43	17.0%	61	24.1%

NOTE: TABLES IN THE REMAINING SECTIONS OF THIS REPORT SHOULD BE READ AS FOLLOWS:

SEX:	WESTERN REGION	In 1992 there were 162 males newly committed to the Western region. These males represent 20.2% of all the males committed in 1992. These 162 males also represent 88% of all new commitments in the Western region.
MALE	N ROW% COL%	162 20.2% 88.0%



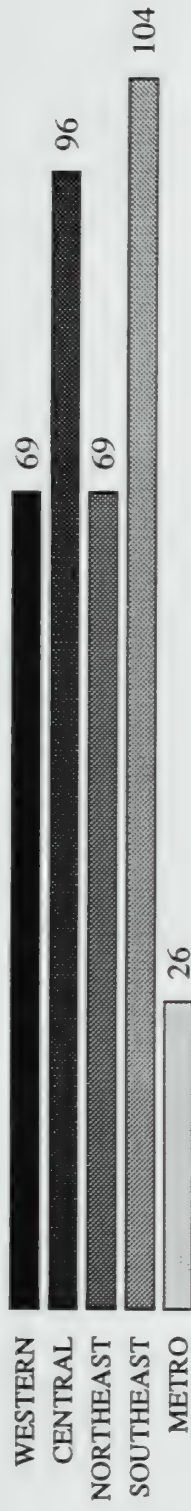


# GRAPH 3

## COMMITMENTS BY RACE

1992

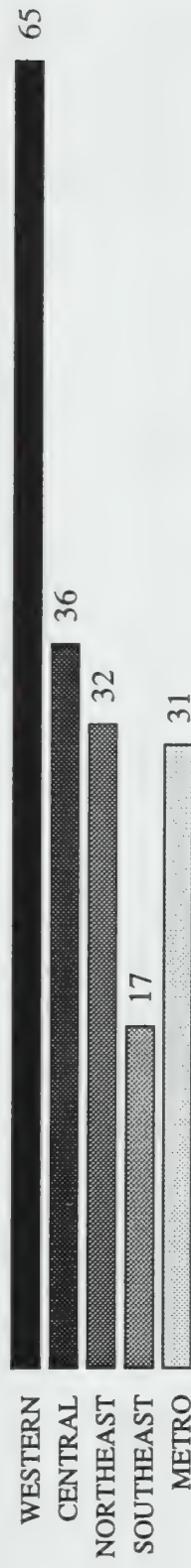
### WHITE



### BLACK



### HISPANIC



### OTHER





TABLE VII - RACE AND SEX BY REGION

As in 1991, the Metro region received over half of the Departments newly committed black males (56.2%). By contrast, the Western and Central regions had the highest number of Hispanic and 'other' males newly committed (33% and 36%, respectively).

When examining females commitments on the other hand, Western region had the highest number of both Hispanic and 'other' new commits. The Metro region had no newly committed white or 'other' females, while the Northeast and Southeast regions had no newly committed Hispanic or 'other' females.

TABLE VII  
RACE AND SEX BY REGION

	WESTERN			CENTRAL			NORTHEAST			SOUTHEAST			METRO		
	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %	N	ROW %	COL %
WHITE:															
MALE	57	17.3 %	31.0 %	86	26.1 %	54.4 %	64	19.5 %	49.2 %	96	29.2 %	56.8 %	26	7.9 %	11.4 %
FEMALE	12	34.3 %	6.5 %	10	28.6 %	6.3 %	5	14.3 %	3.8 %	8	22.9 %	4.7 %	0	0.0 %	0.0 %
BLACK:															
MALE	36	13.0 %	19.6 %	14	5.1 %	8.9 %	25	9.1 %	19.2 %	46	16.7 %	27.2 %	155	56.2 %	67.7 %
FEMALE	3	16.7 %	1.6 %	1	5.6 %	0.6 %	1	5.6 %	0.8 %	1	5.6 %	0.6 %	12	66.7 %	5.2 %
HISPANIC:															
MALE	60	34.9 %	32.6 %	34	19.8 %	21.5 %	32	18.6 %	24.6 %	17	9.9 %	10.1 %	29	16.9 %	12.7 %
FEMALE	5	55.6 %	2.7 %	2	22.2 %	1.3 %	0	0.0 %	0.0 %	0	0.0 %	0.0 %	2	22.2 %	0.9 %
OTHER:															
MALE	9	32.1 %	4.9 %	10	35.7 %	6.3 %	3	10.7 %	2.3 %	1	3.6 %	0.6 %	5	17.9 %	2.2 %
FEMALE	2	66.7 %	1.6 %	1	33.3 %	1.4 %	0	-	0.0 %	0	-	0.0 %	0	0.0 %	0.0 %
TOTAL	184	-	100 %	158	-	101 %	130	-	100 %	169	-	100 %	229	-	100 %



**TABLE VIII – AGE AND INCOME BY REGION**

Among regions, the ages of youth committed in 1992 are more constant than evidenced in past years. Mean ages in 1992 vary by 2 months at most. In past years, mean ages have varied by as much as 7 months.

The oldest youth committed to DYS in 1992 was 18.1 years of age and came from the Metro region. The youngest was 11.6 years old and came from the Northeast region.

The median family income ranged from \$10,346 in the Western Region to \$14,400 in the Southeast region. Families in 3 regions reported incomes over \$99,999 and at least one family in every region reported no income at all.

**TABLE VIII  
AGE AND INCOME BY REGION**

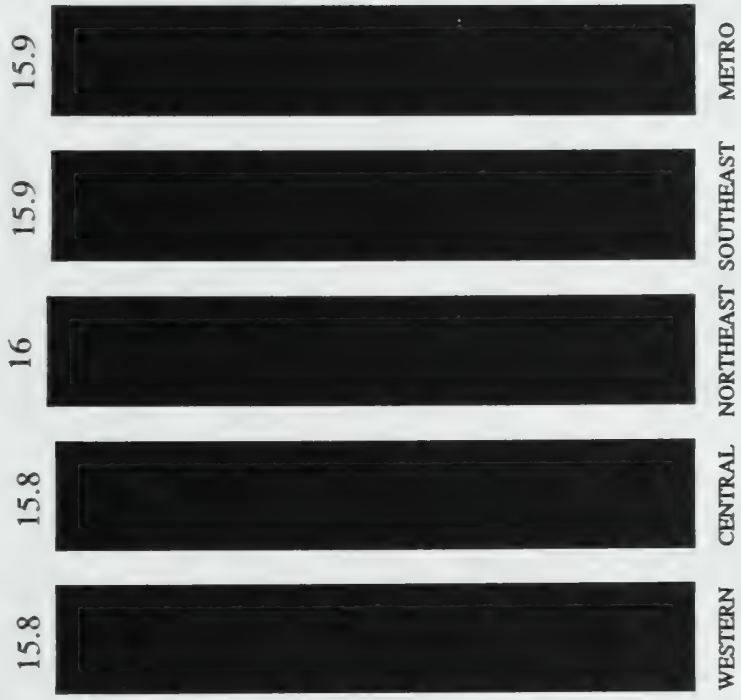
	WESTERN	CENTRAL	NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	METRO	STATEWIDE AVERAGE
<b>AGE:</b>						
MEAN AGE	15.8	15.8	16.0	15.9	15.9	15.9
MEDIAN AGE	16.0	15.9	16.2	16.0	16.0	16.1
LOWEST AGE	12.4	12.7	11.6	12.2	12.9	12.4
HIGHEST AGE	18.0	17.9	17.7	18.0	18.1	17.9
<b>INCOME:</b>						
MEAN INCOME	\$13,980	\$17,905	\$14,820	\$19,083	\$12,042	\$15,566
MEDIAN INCOME	\$10,346	\$14,316	\$10,038	\$14,400	\$12,000	\$12,220
LOWEST INCOME	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HIGHEST INCOME	\$75,000	\$99,999 +	\$96,500	\$78,000	\$99,999 +	\$99,999 +





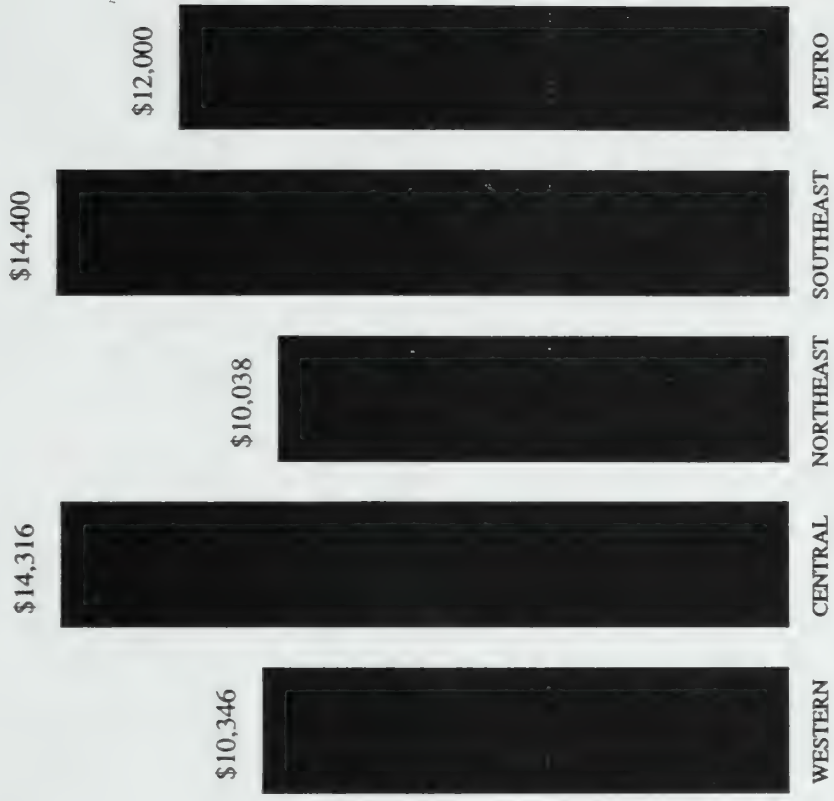
**GRAPH 4**

**AGE BY REGION  
MEAN AGE AT COMMITMENT**



**GRAPH 5**

**FAMILY INCOME BY REGION  
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME**





**TABLE IX – OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

The highest committing offenses in the Metro and Southeast regions were person offenses. While property offenses were the highest commitment offenses in the Central and Northeast regions, this was only by the smallest of margins (less than 2%). Western remains the only region where a wide majority of youth were committed on property offenses (46%).

**TABLE IX  
OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

	WESTERN			CENTRAL			NORTHEAST			SOUTHEAST			METRO		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
OFFENSE TYPE:															
AGAINST PERSON	63	16.8%	34.2%	65	17.3%	41.1%	55	14.7%	42.3%	80	21.3%	47.3%	112	29.9%	48.9%
AGAINST PROPERTY	85	25.8%	46.2%	70	21.3%	44.3%	57	17.3%	43.8%	66	20.1%	39.1%	51	15.5%	22.3%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	22	34.4%	12.0%	2	3.1%	1.3%	6	9.4%	4.6%	7	10.9%	4.1%	27	42.2%	11.8%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	6	35.3%	3.3%	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	5.9%	0.8%	1	5.9%	0.6%	9	52.9%	3.9%
MOTOR VEHICLE	1	3.6%	0.5%	16	57.1%	10.1%	3	10.7%	2.3%	5	17.9%	3.0%	3	10.7%	1.3%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	3.7%	0.5%	1	3.7%	0.6%	2	7.4%	1.5%	5	18.5%	3.0%	18	66.7%	7.9%
PUBLIC ORDER	6	20.0%	3.3%	4	13.3%	2.5%	6	20.0%	4.6%	5	16.7%	3.0%	9	30.0%	3.9%
TOTAL	184	-	100%	158	-	100%	130	-	100%	169	-	100%	229	-	100%





**GRAPH 6**  
**OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**  
**1992**

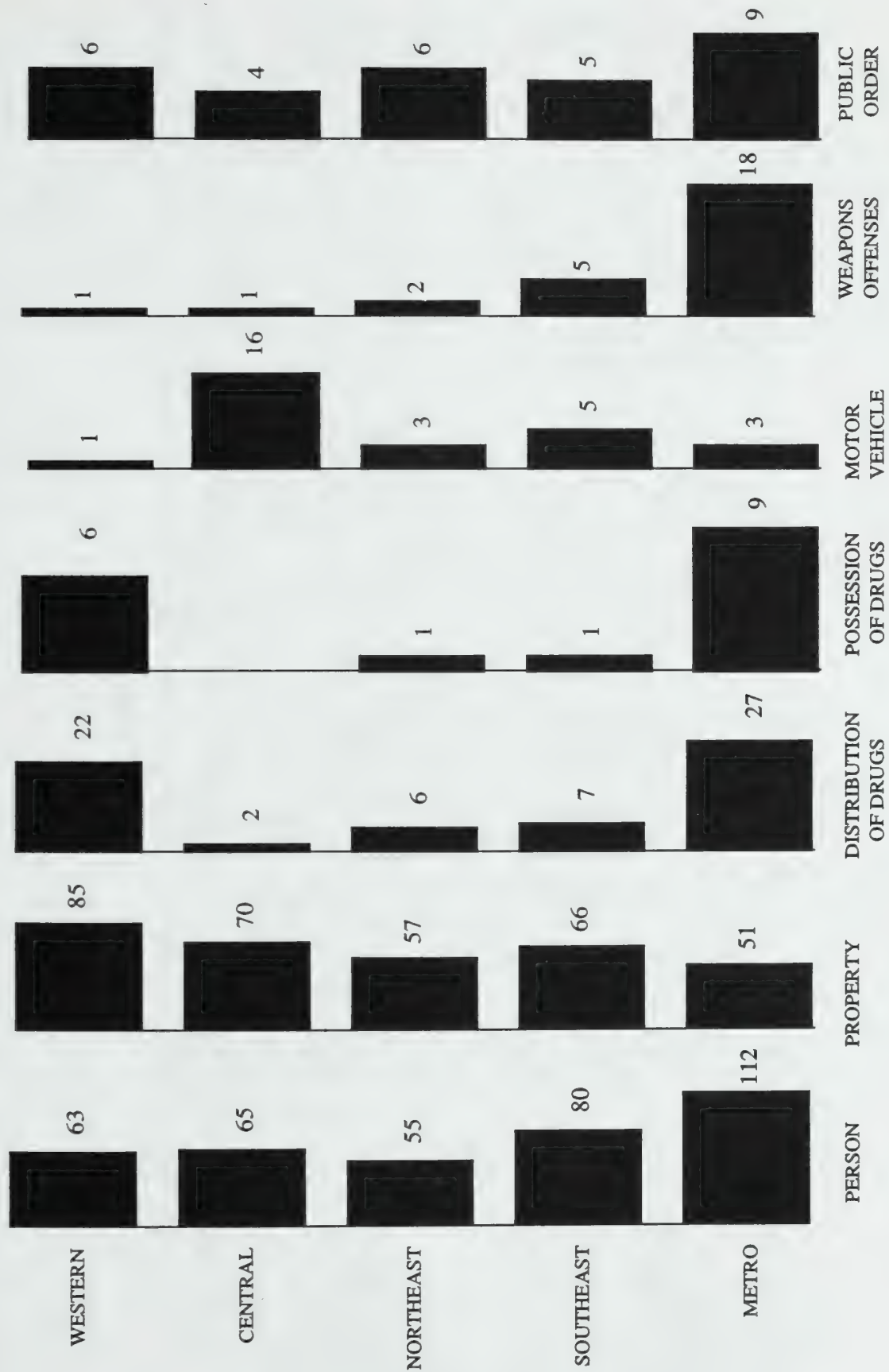




TABLE X – SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION

With the exception of violent sexual offenses, Metro region received the highest number of offenders in every person offense category. The highest number of violent sexual offenders went to the Western region.

By comparison, the majority of weapons and drug offenders were committed to the Metro region, while offenders committed on other property charges varied throughout all regions.

TABLE X

OFFENSE	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
MURDER	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%
ARMED ASSAULT	26	13.6%	26	13.6%	32	16.8%	39	20.4%	68	35.6%
UNARMED ASSAULT	16	16.2%	24	24.2%	15	15.2%	27	27.3%	17	17.2%
ARMED ROBBERY	3	15.8%	1	5.3%	3	15.8%	4	21.1%	8	42.1%
UNARMED ROBBERY	1	7.7%	1	7.7%	2	15.4%	4	30.8%	5	38.5%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	12	36.4%	8	24.2%	3	9.1%	3	9.1%	7	21.2%
KIDNAPPING	0	–	0	–	0	–	0	–	1	100.0%
THREATS, ETC.	4	23.5%	5	38.5%	0	0.0%	3	17.6%	5	29.4%
ARSON	6	37.5%	5	31.3%	2	12.5%	2	12.5%	1	6.3%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	30	25.4%	32	27.1%	20	16.9%	24	20.3%	12	10.2%
LARCENY	27	27.3%	14	14.1%	15	15.2%	27	27.3%	16	16.2%
REC. STOLEN PROPERTY	18	24.0%	11	14.7%	17	22.7%	9	12.0%	20	26.7%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	4	20.0%	7	35.0%	3	15.0%	4	20.0%	2	10.0%
WEAPONS	1	5.6%	1	5.6%	2	11.1%	5	27.8%	9	50.0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	25	43.1%	2	3.4%	6	10.3%	7	12.1%	18	31.0%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	6	15.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.5%	1	2.5%	32	80.0%
SEX OFFENSES	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	1	20.0%	2	40.0%	1	20.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	1	3.6%	16	57.1%	3	10.7%	5	17.9%	3	10.7%
PUBLIC ORDER	3	17.6%	3	17.6%	5	29.4%	3	17.6%	3	17.6%
FRAUD	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS



**TABLE XI – MONTH OF COMMITMENT BY REGION**

With the exception of the 4th quarter, the Metro region had the highest number of commitments for each quarter in 1992 (Western region had the highest number in the 4th quarter of 1992). Northeast region, on the other hand, consistently had the lowest number of commitments per quarter.

**TABLE XI**  
1992

MONTH OF COMMITMENT	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO		TOTAL	
	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %
TOTAL	184	100.0%	158	100.0%	130	100.0%	169	100.0%	229	100.0%	870	100.0%
JANUARY	10	5.4%	18	11.4%	13	10.0%	13	7.7%	26	11.4%	80	9.2%
FEBRUARY	20	10.9%	18	11.4%	8	6.2%	14	8.3%	13	5.7%	73	8.4%
MARCH	14	7.6%	14	8.9%	15	11.5%	22	13.0%	20	8.7%	85	9.8%
1ST QUARTER	44	23.9%	50	31.6%	36	27.7%	49	29.0%	59	25.8%	238	27.4%
APRIL	17	9.2%	10	6.3%	7	5.4%	15	8.9%	20	8.7%	69	7.9%
MAY	11	6.0%	17	10.8%	10	7.7%	20	11.8%	25	10.9%	83	9.5%
JUNE	13	7.1%	12	7.6%	14	10.8%	11	6.5%	19	8.3%	69	7.9%
2ND QUARTER	41	22.3%	39	24.7%	31	23.8%	46	27.2%	64	27.9%	221	25.4%
JULY	12	6.5%	11	7.0%	12	9.2%	8	4.7%	20	8.7%	63	7.2%
AUGUST	15	8.2%	12	7.6%	8	6.2%	11	6.5%	16	7.0%	62	7.1%
SEPTEMBER	17	9.2%	7	4.4%	9	6.9%	14	8.3%	16	7.0%	63	7.2%
3RD QUARTER	44	23.9%	30	19.0%	29	22.3%	33	19.5%	52	22.7%	188	21.6%
OCTOBER	20	10.9%	14	8.9%	13	10.0%	18	10.7%	16	7.0%	81	9.3%
NOVEMBER	19	10.3%	15	9.5%	11	8.5%	11	6.5%	17	7.4%	73	8.4%
DECEMBER	16	8.7%	10	6.3%	10	7.7%	12	7.1%	21	9.2%	69	7.9%
4TH QUARTER	55	29.9%	39	24.7%	34	26.2%	41	24.3%	54	23.6%	223	25.6%





**TABLE XII – LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION**

The Northeast region had the highest proportion of youth completing the fourth grade or less. By contrast, the majority of youth committed to the Metro region had completed at least the 8th grade and 2 youth had completed the 11th grade or more.

**TABLE XII  
LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION**

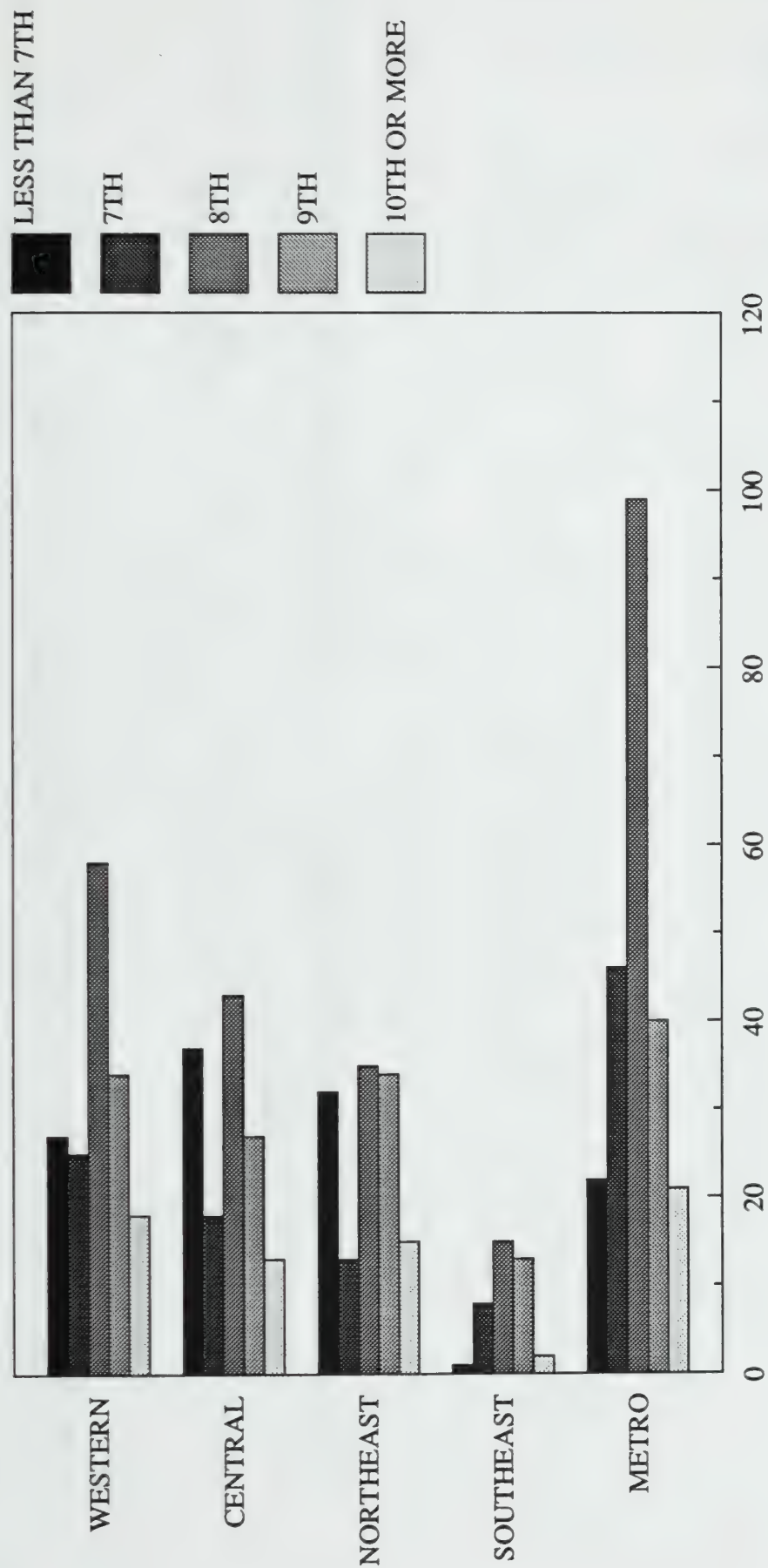
	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
<b>LAST GRADE COMPLETED:</b>										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>23.4% 100.0%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>19.9% 100.0%</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>18.6% 100.0%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5.2% 100.0%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>32.9% 100.0%</b>
<b>4TH OR LESS</b>	15	25.4% 9.3%	14	23.7% 10.1%	24	40.7% 18.6%	0	0.0% 0.0%	6	10.2% 2.6%
5TH	1	14.3% 0.6%	3	42.9% 2.2%	1	14.3% 0.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	28.6% 0.9%
6TH	11	21.2% 6.8%	20	38.5% 14.5%	7	13.5% 5.4%	0	0.0% 0.0%	14	26.9% 6.1%
7TH	25	22.7% 15.4%	18	16.4% 13.0%	13	11.8% 10.1%	8	7.3% 22.2%	46	41.8% 20.2%
8TH	58	23.4% 35.8%	43	17.3% 31.2%	35	14.1% 27.1%	13	5.2% 36.1%	99	39.9% 43.4%
9TH	34	23.0% 21.0%	27	18.2% 19.6%	34	23.0% 26.4%	13	8.8% 36.1%	40	27.0% 17.5%
10TH	16	26.2% 9.9%	11	18.0% 8.0%	13	21.3% 10.1%	2	3.3% 5.6%	19	31.1% 8.3%
11TH OR MORE	2	25.0% 1.2%	2	25.0% 1.4%	2	25.0% 1.6%	0	0.0% 0.0%	2	25.0% 0.9%



# GRAPH 7

## LAST GRADE COMPLETED BY REGION

### 1992



Distributions for the Southeast Region include only 36 youth whose education levels were available. Education levels for all other youth in this region were missing.





# SECTION III – RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CLIENTS’ DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

## TABLE XIII – SEX, OFFENSE TYPE AND REGION BY PARENTS’ MARITAL STATUS

Again as evidenced in 1991, exactly 85% of the youth committed to the Department in 1992 came from broken homes. Divorce, seperation, death and other means were methods by which these homes were disrupted.

The majority of both male and female youth came from homes where parents were divorced or separated (37% and 46%, respectively), or were never married (32% and 40% , respectively).

The greatest number of person offenders came from homes where parents were never married or were deceased, while parents of those committed on property offenses were divorced or separated at the highest rates.

### TABLE XIII SEX, OFFENSE TYPE AND REGION BY PARENTS’ MARITAL STATUS

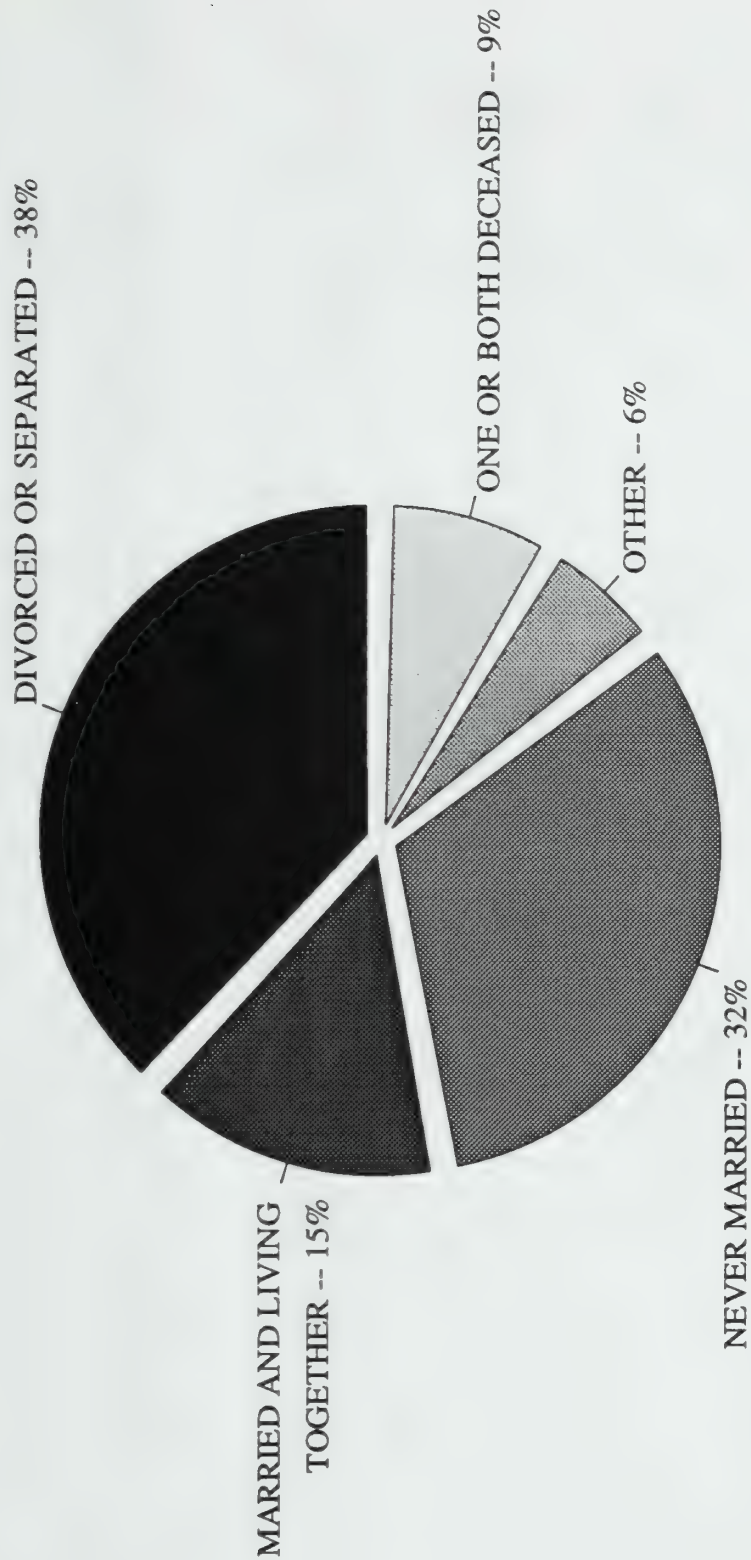
	MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER		DIVORCED OR SEPARATED		NEVER MARRIED		ONE OR BOTH DECEASED		OTHER	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%
<b>TOTAL</b>	131	15.1% 100.0%	330	37.9% 100.0%	280	32.2% 100.0%	74	8.5% 100.0%	55	6.3% 100.0%
<b>SEX:</b>										
MALE	126	15.7% 96.2%	299	37.2% 90.6%	253	31.5% 90.4%	72	9.0% 97.3%	53	6.6% 96.4%
FEMALE	5	7.5% 3.8%	31	46.3% 9.4%	27	40.3% 9.6%	2	3.0% 2.7%	2	3.0% 3.6%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE:</b>										
PERSON	55	14.7% 42.0%	129	34.4% 39.1%	134	35.7% 47.9%	37	9.9% 51.4%	20	6.3% 36.4%
PROPERTY	55	16.7% 42.0%	138	41.9% 41.8%	81	24.6% 28.9%	27	8.2% 37.5%	28	10.2% 50.9%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	4	5.6% 3.1%	29	40.3% 8.8%	32	44.4% 11.4%	3	4.2% 4.2%	4	5.9% 7.3%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	3	20.0% 2.3%	5	33.3% 1.5%	7	46.7% 2.5%	0	0.0% 0.0%	0	0.0% 0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	8	28.6% 6.1%	7	25.0% 2.1%	11	39.3% 3.9%	1	3.6% 1.4%	1	5.0% 1.8%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	3	11.1% 2.3%	11	40.7% 3.3%	11	40.7% 3.9%	2	7.4% 2.8%	0	0.0% 0.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	3	13.6% 2.3%	11	50.0% 3.3%	4	18.2% 1.4%	2	9.1% 2.8%	2	10.5% 3.6%
<b>REGION:</b>										
WESTERN	27	14.7% 20.6%	88	47.8% 26.7%	49	26.6% 17.5%	15	8.2% 20.3%	5	2.7% 9.1%
CENTRAL	25	15.8% 19.1%	59	37.3% 17.9%	47	29.8% 16.8%	17	10.8% 23.0%	10	6.3% 18.2%
NORTHEAST	24	18.5% 18.3%	48	36.9% 14.5%	36	27.7% 12.9%	7	5.4% 9.5%	15	11.5% 27.3%
SOUTHEAST	28	16.6% 21.4%	76	45.0% 23.0%	42	24.9% 15.0%	14	8.3% 18.9%	9	5.3% 16.4%
METRO	27	11.8% 20.6%	59	25.8% 17.9%	106	46.3% 37.9%	21	9.2% 28.4%	16	7.0% 29.1%



# GRAPH 8

## PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS

1992





Characteristics of newly committed youths continue to vary by sex.

**AGE:** Again newly committed males appear to be slightly older than their female counterparts this year, with 30% of males being over 16.5 years of age as compared to 21% of the females.

**RACE:** The majority of males entering the Department this year were minority, while a greater number of females were non-minority (59 and 55%).

**OFFENSE TYPE:** Forty-six percent of the males entering the Department and 40% of the females were committed on person offenses. Conversely, 42% of the females and 40% of the males were committed on straight property offenses. Commitments on other offenses varied across the sexes.

TABLE XIV  
AGE, RACE AND OFFENSE BY SEX

	MALE			FEMALE		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
<b>AGE:</b>						
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	4	100.0%	0.5%	0	0.0%	0.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	30	90.9%	3.7%	3	9.1%	4.5%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	78	90.7%	9.7%	8	9.3%	11.9%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	180	93.3%	22.4%	13	6.7%	19.4%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	272	90.4%	33.9%	29	9.6%	43.3%
16.6 +	239	94.5%	29.8%	14	5.5%	20.9%
<b>RACE:</b>						
WHITE	327	89.8%	40.7%	37	10.2%	55.2%
BLACK	276	93.9%	34.4%	18	6.1%	26.9%
HISPANIC	172	95.0%	21.4%	9	5.0%	13.4%
OTHER	28	90.3%	3.5%	3	9.7%	4.5%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE</b>						
PERSON	348	92.8%	45.7%	27	7.2%	40.3%
PROPERTY	301	91.5%	39.6%	28	8.5%	41.8%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	72	100.0%	9.5%	0	0.0%	0.0%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	16	94.1%	2.1%	1	5.9%	1.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE	24	85.7%	3.2%	4	14.3%	6.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	25	92.6%	3.3%	2	7.4%	3.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	17	77.3%	2.2%	5	22.7%	7.5%





**TABLE XV – SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY SEX**

In 1992, the most common committing offense for females was larceny (22%) and unarmed assault (19%) was the second most common. For males, armed assault was the most common committing offense (26%), unarmed assault (19%) was the second most common and kidnapping brought up the rear (.1%).

**TABLE XV  
SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY SEX, 1991**

	MALE			FEMALE		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
<b>SPECIFIC OFFENSE:</b>						
MURDER	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	2	100.0%	0.3%	0	0.0%	0.0%
ARMED ASSAULT	180	94.2%	25.6%	11	5.8%	16.4%
UNARMED ASSAULT	86	86.9%	12.3%	13	13.1%	19.4%
ARMED ROBBERY	19	100.0%	2.7%	0	0.0%	0.0%
UNARMED ROBBERY	12	92.3%	1.7%	1	7.7%	1.5%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	32	97.0%	4.6%	1	3.0%	1.5%
KIDNAPPING	1	100.0%	0.1%	0	-	0.0%
THREATS, ETC.	16	94.1%	2.3%	1	5.9%	1.5%
ARSON	12	75.0%	1.7%	4	25.0%	6.0%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	11	64.7%	1.6%	6	35.3%	9.0%
LARCENY	84	84.8%	12.0%	15	15.2%	22.4%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	74	98.7%	10.5%	1	1.3%	1.5%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	18	90.0%	2.6%	2	10.0%	3.0%
WEAPONS	25	92.6%	3.6%	2	7.4%	3.0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	16	94.1%	2.3%	1	5.9%	1.5%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	72	100.0%	10.3%	0	0.0%	0.0%
SEX OFFENSES	3	60.0%	0.4%	2	40.0%	3.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	24	85.7%	3.4%	4	14.3%	6.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	14	82.4%	2.0%	3	17.6%	4.5%
FRAUD	1	0.0%	0.1%	0	0.0%	0.0%

\*Possession of burglarious tools



**TABLE XVI – AGE, OFFENSE TYPE AND PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS BY RACE**

The majority of youth committed on person, drug and weapons offenses were black. White youth were committed at the highest rate for property offenses.

The highest proportion of youth in almost every racial category were between the ages of 15.6 and 16.5 years old upon commitment to the Department. The majority of Hispanic youth were between 14.6 and 15.5 years of age.

Finally, with the exception of black youth who came from homes where parents were never married, the majority of newly committed youth came from families where parents were either divorced or separated.

**TABLE XVI  
AGE, OFFENSE TYPE AND PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS BY RACE**

	WHITE			BLACK			HISPANIC			OTHER		
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
AGE:												
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	2	50.0%	0.5%	0	0.0%	0.0%	1	25.0%	0.6%	1	25.0%	3.2%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	9	27.3%	2.5%	10	30.3%	3.4%	12	36.4%	6.6%	2	6.1%	6.5%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	31	36.0%	8.5%	30	34.9%	10.2%	21	24.4%	11.6%	4	4.7%	12.9%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	82	42.5%	22.5%	55	28.5%	18.7%	52	26.9%	28.7%	4	2.1%	12.9%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	133	44.2%	36.5%	107	35.5%	36.4%	47	15.6%	26.0%	14	4.7%	45.2%
16.6 OR MORE	107	42.3%	29.4%	92	36.4%	31.3%	48	19.0%	26.5%	6	2.4%	19.4%
OFFENSE TYPE:												
PERSON	137	36.5%	39.9%	148	39.5%	54.4%	80	21.3%	45.5%	10	2.7%	33.3%
PROPERTY	180	54.7%	52.5%	64	19.5%	23.5%	70	21.3%	39.8%	15	4.6%	50.0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	5	6.9%	1.5%	45	62.5%	16.5%	20	27.8%	11.4%	2	2.8%	6.7%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	4	23.5%	1.2%	11	64.7%	4.0%	2	11.8%	1.1%	0	0.0%	0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	17	60.7%	5.0%	4	14.3%	1.5%	4	14.3%	2.3%	3	10.7%	10.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	4	14.8%	1.2%	19	70.4%	7.0%	3	11.1%	1.7%	1	3.7%	3.3%
PUBLIC ORDER	17	77.3%	5.0%	3	13.6%	1.1%	2	9.1%	1.1%	0	0.0%	0.0%
PARENTS' MARITAL STATUS:												
MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER	85	65.4%	23.4%	24	18.5%	8.2%	14	10.8%	7.7%	7	5.4%	22.6%
DIVORCED OR SEPARATED	157	47.4%	43.1%	90	27.2%	30.6%	76	23.0%	42.0%	8	2.4%	25.8%
NEVER MARRIED	77	27.5%	21.2%	130	46.4%	44.2%	66	23.6%	36.5%	7	2.5%	22.6%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	26	35.1%	7.1%	26	35.1%	8.8%	15	20.3%	8.3%	7	9.5%	22.6%
OTHER	19	34.5%	5.2%	24	43.6%	8.2%	10	18.2%	5.5%	2	3.6%	6.5%





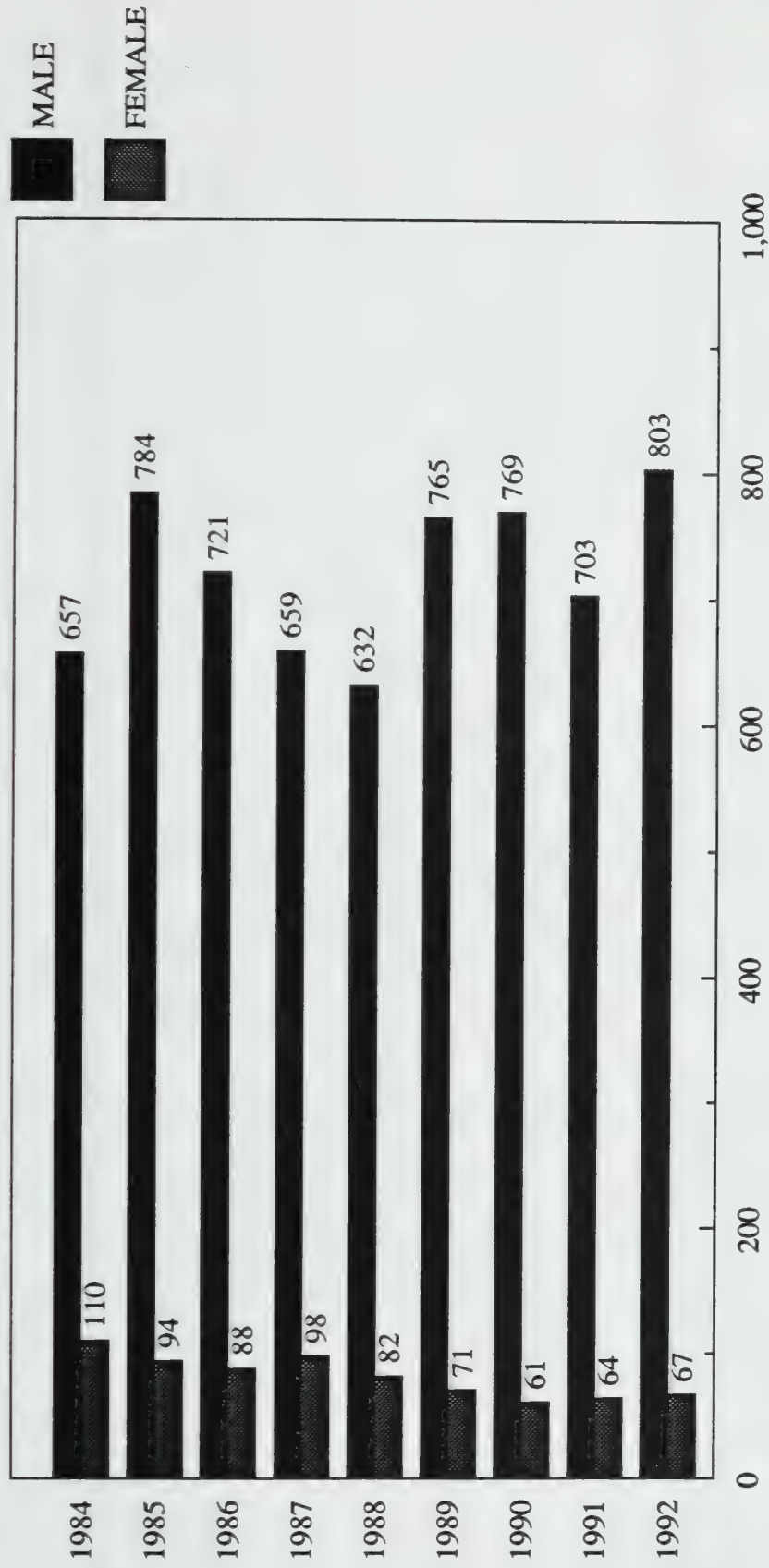
## SECTION IV – DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS: 1984 – 1992



# GRAPH 9

## COMMITMENTS BY SEX

### 1984 - 1992





**TABLE XVII**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE**  
1984 - 1992

	1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>RACE:</b>																		
<b>TOTAL</b>	767	100%	878	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%	767	100%	870	100%
WHITE	550	72%	569	65%	521	64%	427	56%	376	53%	395	47%	353	43%	324	42%	364	42%
BLACK	132	17%	193	22%	179	22%	197	26%	202	28%	257	31%	286	34%	246	32%	294	34%
HISPANIC	74	10%	108	12%	100	12%	127	17%	123	17%	165	20%	174	21%	169	22%	181	21%
OTHER	11	1%	8	1%	9	1%	6	1%	13	2%	19	2%	17	2%	28	4%	31	4%

**TABLE XVIII**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY REGION**  
1984 - 1992

	1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>REGION:</b>																		
<b>TOTAL</b>	767	100%	878	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%	767	100%	870	100%
WESTERN	136	18%	185	21%	147	18%	160	21%	159	22%	185	22%	203	24%	164	21%	184	21%
CENTRAL	166	22%	180	21%	157	19%	121	16%	131	18%	152	18%	139	17%	141	18%	158	18%
NORTHEAST	150	20%	186	21%	157	19%	122	16%	133	19%	140	17%	126	15%	113	15%	130	15%
SOUTHEAST	148	19%	131	15%	140	17%	146	19%	125	18%	148	18%	140	17%	136	18%	169	19%
METRO	167	22%	196	22%	208	26%	208	27%	166	23%	211	25%	222	27%	213	28%	229	26%

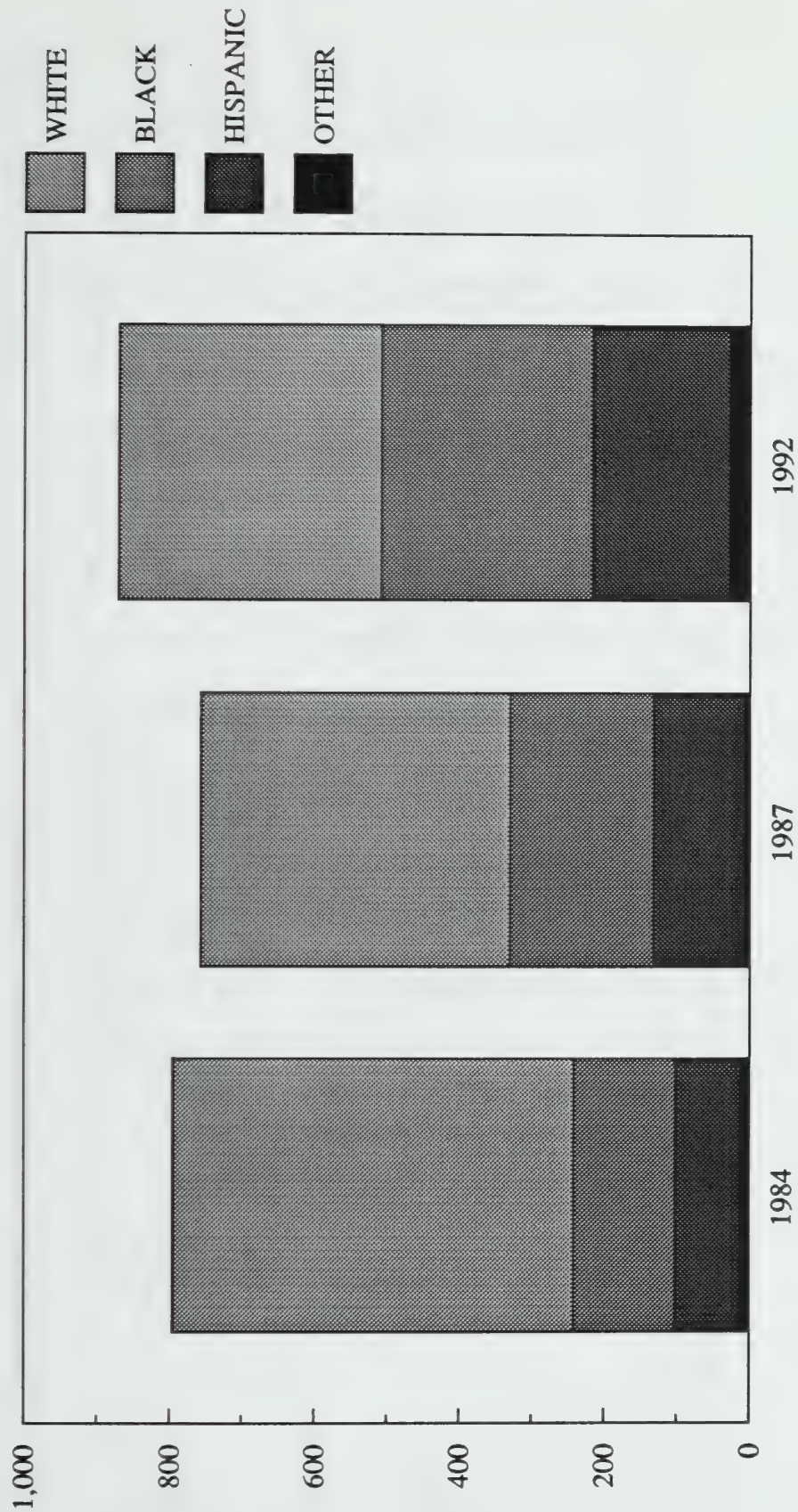




# GRAPH 10

## CHANGES IN COMMITMENTS BY RACE

### 1984 - 1992





**TABLE XIX**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE**  
1984 - 1992

	1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
OFFENSE:	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	756	100%	879	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	835	100%	830	100%	767	100%	870	100%
MURDER	5	1%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%
MANSLAUGHTER	1	0%	4	0%	0	0%	4	1%	5	1%	3	0%	7	1%	10	1%	2	0%
ARMED ASSAULT	74	10%	80	9%	76	9%	86	11%	60	8%	94	11%	128	15%	116	15%	191	22%
UNARMED ASSAULT	54	7%	79	9%	62	8%	57	8%	54	8%	79	9%	83	10%	84	11%	99	11%
ARMED ROBBERY	16	2%	23	3%	13	2%	14	2%	10	1%	14	2%	10	1%	15	2%	19	2%
UNARMED ROBBERY	23	3%	28	3%	26	3%	17	2%	11	2%	17	2%	8	1%	14	2%	13	1%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	31	4%	43	5%	39	5%	33	4%	37	5%	38	5%	38	5%	30	4%	33	4%
KIDNAPPING	0	0%	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
THREATS, ETC.	9	1%	9	1%	4	0%	6	1%	3	0%	12	1%	9	1%	6	1%	17	2%
ARSON	9	1%	13	1%	19	2%	13	2%	13	2%	4	0%	11	1%	10	1%	16	2%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	193	26%	205	23%	169	21%	160	21%	126	18%	162	19%	134	16%	130	17%	118	14%
LARCENY	145	19%	160	18%	163	20%	141	19%	124	17%	139	17%	111	13%	100	13%	99	11%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	27	4%	27	3%	42	5%	39	5%	43	6%	61	7%	65	8%	64	8%	75	9%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	39	5%	46	5%	44	5%	36	5%	39	5%	26	3%	24	3%	23	3%	20	2%
SEX OFFENSES	11	1%	9	1%	5	1%	6	1%	5	1%	3	0%	5	1%	2	0%	27	3%
MOTOR VEHICLE	41	5%	59	7%	52	6%	58	8%	66	9%	38	5%	36	4%	36	5%	17	2%
PUBLIC ORDER	49	6%	55	6%	53	7%	42	6%	48	7%	53	6%	51	6%	43	6%	72	8%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**	23	3%	32	4%	35	4%	39	5%	65	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	49	6%	75	9%	58	8%	28	3%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	38	5%	32	4%	24	3%	17	2%
FRAUD	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
UNSPECIFIED DELINQUENCY	3	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
MISSING	11	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

\* Possession of burglarious tools.

\*\* The controlled substance category was split into distribution of drug and possession of drug categories in 1989.

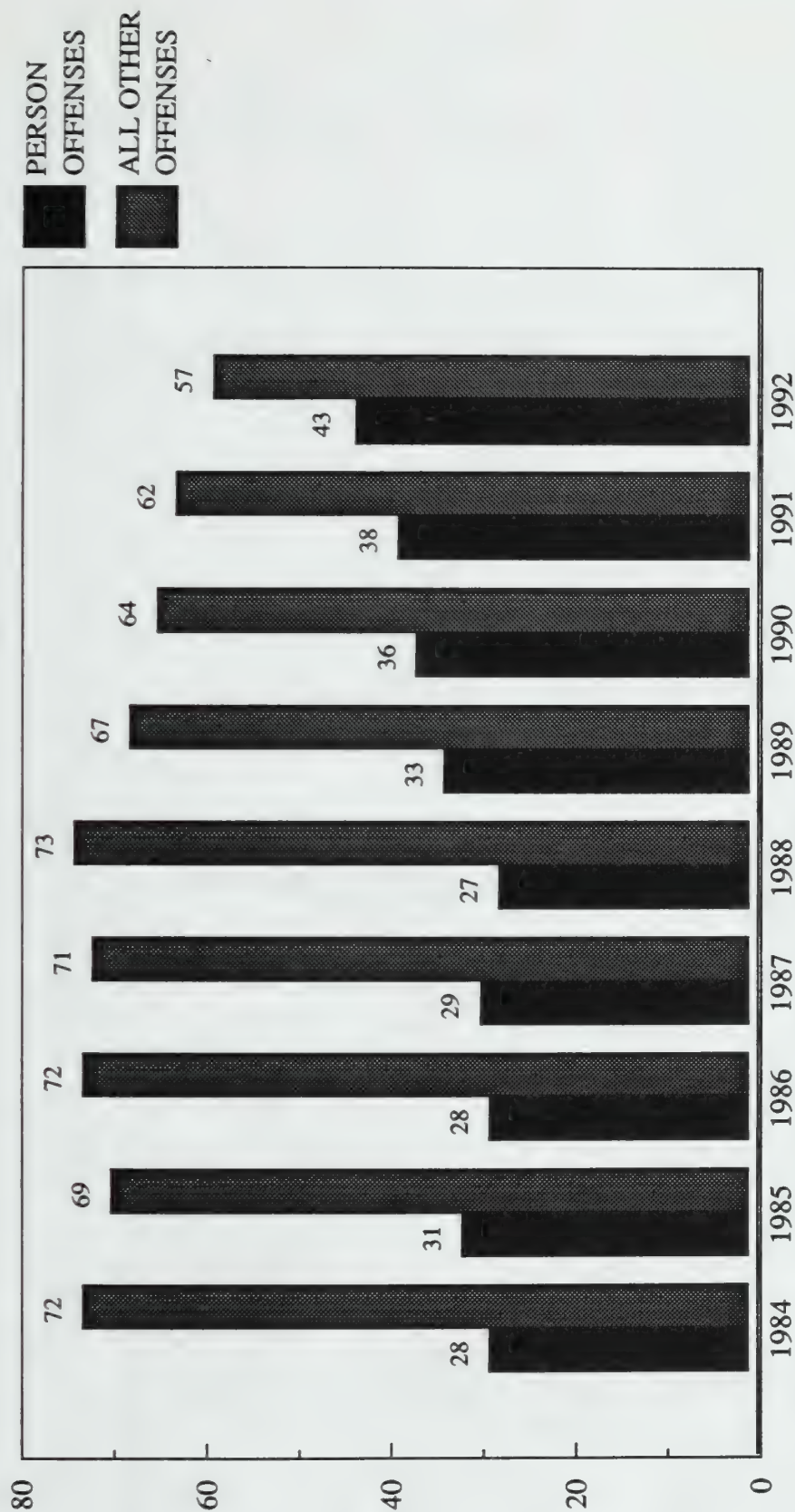




# GRAPH 11

## COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE TYPE

### 1984 - 1992





The profile of the average youth committed to DYS on both drug possession and distribution charges is that of a black male, committed out of the Metro region. He was over 16.6 years of age and had completed at least the 8th grade.

Since 1990, commitments for possession of a controlled substance have decreased by 47% (from 32 to 17 commitments in 1992). Commitments for distribution offenses on the other hand, have remained virtually the same, down only .04% (from 75 to 72 commitments in 1992).

TABLE XX  
CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON DRUG OFFENSES

		POSSESSION OF DRUGS		DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	
		N	%	N	%
TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS		17	100.0%	72	100.0%
AGE:	9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	1	5.9%	0	0.0%
	13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	1	5.9%	5	6.9%
	14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	3	17.6%	9	12.5%
	15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	4	23.5%	25	34.7%
16.6 +		8	47.1%	33	45.8%
SEX:	MALE	16	94.1%	72	100.0%
	FEMALE	1	5.9%	0	0.0%
RACE:	WHITE	4	23.5%	5	6.9%
	BLACK	11	64.7%	45	62.5%
	HISPANIC	2	11.8%	20	27.8%
	OTHER	0	0.0%	2	2.8%
REGION:	WESTERN	6	35.3%	25	34.7%
	CENTRAL	0	0.0%	2	3.3%
	NORTHEAST	1	5.9%	6	9.8%
	SOUTHEAST	1	5.9%	7	10.4%
	METRO	9	52.9%	32	40.5%
LAST GRADE:	4TH OR LESS	2	12.5%	13	18.8%
	5TH	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	6TH	0	0.0%	3	4.3%
	7TH	1	6.3%	12	17.4%
	8TH	7	43.8%	19	27.5%
	9TH	3	18.8%	15	21.7%
	10TH	3	17.6%	7	10.1%
11TH OR MORE		1	5.9%	1	1.4%



# APPENDIX A - CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTHS WHOSE COMMITMENTS WERE REVISED/REVOKED

Appendix A presents the youths who were newly committed to the Department of Youth Services in 1990, 1991 and 1992, whose commitments were subsequently revoked. In 1992, the majority of youths revoked were male, either black or white, were committed in the Southeast region on a property offense and had been committed for any where between 0 and 258 days.

**APPENDIX A**  
**CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTHS WHOSE COMMITMENT WAS REVISED/REVOKED**  
**1990 - 1992**

	1990		1991		1992		% CHANGE 1989-1992		% CHANGE 1991-1992	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL YOUTHS REVISED/REVOKED</b>	11	100%	16	100%	9	100%	2	14%	5	45%
<b>AGE:</b>										
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	-1	-100%	0	0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	0	0%	1	6%	0	0%	0	-93%	1	0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	2	18%	4	25%	2	22%	1	-71%	2	100%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	4	36%	3	19%	3	33%	0	-79%	-1	-25%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	2	18%	3	19%	3	33%	0	-79%	1	50%
16.6 YEARS OR MORE	3	27%	5	31%	1	11%	2	-64%	2	67%
<b>SEX:</b>										
MALE	9	82%	13	81%	6	67%	2	-7%	4	44%
FEMALE	2	18%	3	19%	3	33%	0	-79%	1	50%
<b>RACE:</b>										
WHITE	8	73%	13	81%	3	33%	4	-7%	5	63%
BLACK	2	18%	1	6%	3	33%	-3	-93%	-1	-50%
HISPANIC	1	9%	2	13%	2	22%	1	-86%	1	100%
OTHER	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%	0	-100%	0	0%
<b>REGION:</b>										
WESTERN	2	18%	2	13%	2	22%	0	-86%	0	0%
CENTRAL	4	36%	4	25%	0	0%	2	-71%	0	0%
NORTHEAST	1	9%	4	25%	0	0%	2	-71%	3	300%
SOUTHEAST	4	36%	6	38%	5	56%	0	-57%	2	50%
METRO	0	0%	0	0%	2	29%	-2	-100%	0	0%
<b>CHARGE TYPE:</b>										
PERSON	4	36%	4	22%	1	11%	4	-71%	0	0%
PROPERTY	2	18%	7	50%	6	75%	1	-50%	5	250%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	1	9%	0	0%	2	50%	0	-100%	-1	-100%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	-100%	0	0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	1	9%	0	0%	0	0%	-1	-100%	-1	-100%
WEAPONS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	-100%	0	0%
PUBLIC ORDER	3	27%	7	39%	0	0%	0	-50%	4	133%
<b>LENGTH OF COMMITMENT</b>										
0 - 20 DAYS	4	36%	4	36%	2	22%	1	-71%	0	0%
21 - 81 DAYS	4	36%	4	36%	2	22%	0	-71%	0	0%
82 - 138 DAYS	0	0%	0	0%	3	60%	-4	-100%	0	0%
139 - 258 DAYS	3	27%	3	27%	2	22%	0	-79%	0	0%









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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1993

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- \* THERE WERE 929 NEW COMMITMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES IN 1993. THIS REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT IN OVER A DECADE.
- \* OVERALL, MASSACHUSETTS' COURTS COMMITTED 4.6%, OR 1 OUT OF EVERY 21.7 YOUTH ARRAIGNED IN THE STATE IN 1993.
- \* AGAIN, AS IN 1992, YOUTH WERE MOST FREQUENTLY COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON. OF THOSE YOUTH COMMITTED ON PERSON OFFENSES, THE MAJORITY HAD COMMITTED AN ARMED ROBBERY.
- \* FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE YOUTH NEWLY COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 1993 WERE WHITE. THIS OCCURRENCE HAS REVERSED A TREND IN EVIDENCE SINCE 1989, WHERE MINORITY YOUTH WERE COMMITTED AT THE HIGHEST RATES.
- \* METRO REGION RECEIVED THE MAJORITY OF YOUTH COMMITTED ON DRUG DISTRIBUTION, DRUG POSSESSION, WEAPONS PERSON AND PUBLIC ORDER OFFENSES IN 1993, WHILE THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL REGIONS RECEIVED THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENDERS, RESPECTIVELY.
- \* AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, MINORITY YOUTH MADE UP A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF YOUTH ENTERING DYS TODAY WHEN COMPARED TO MINORITY YOUTH REPRESENTATION IN MASSACHUSETTS AT RISK POPULATION FIGURES (49 VERSUS 15 PERCENT).



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## INTRODUCTION

The Bureau of Planning, Research and Systems produces the Analysis of Commitment report annually. This report examines the diverse characteristics of youth newly committed to the Department of Youth Services. The data utilized to compile this report was obtained by the regional staff at each youth's intake and was entered into the DYS automated client tracking system. This system assists in the provision of current commitment information to the Department.

The 1993 Analysis of Commitment report is composed of four sections. Section I compares the demographics of youth committed in 1992 with those committed in 1993. Section II examines statewide and regional arraignment and commitment activities for 1992 and 1993. Section III presents client characteristics and offense patterns by region. Section IV summarizes client demographic and offense information for 1986 thru 1993.

As may be noted upon review, many changes have taken place within this edition of the Analysis of Commitment report. Information such as the number of juvenile arraignments/commitments by court has been added while the amount of demographic information was reduced. In addition to the change in content, tables were enlarged & enhanced and summaries are now provided at the beginning of each section. It is our hope that you will find these changes helpful. All comments regarding the current change in format and/or suggestions on how this report may be further adapted to meet your informational needs are welcomed.



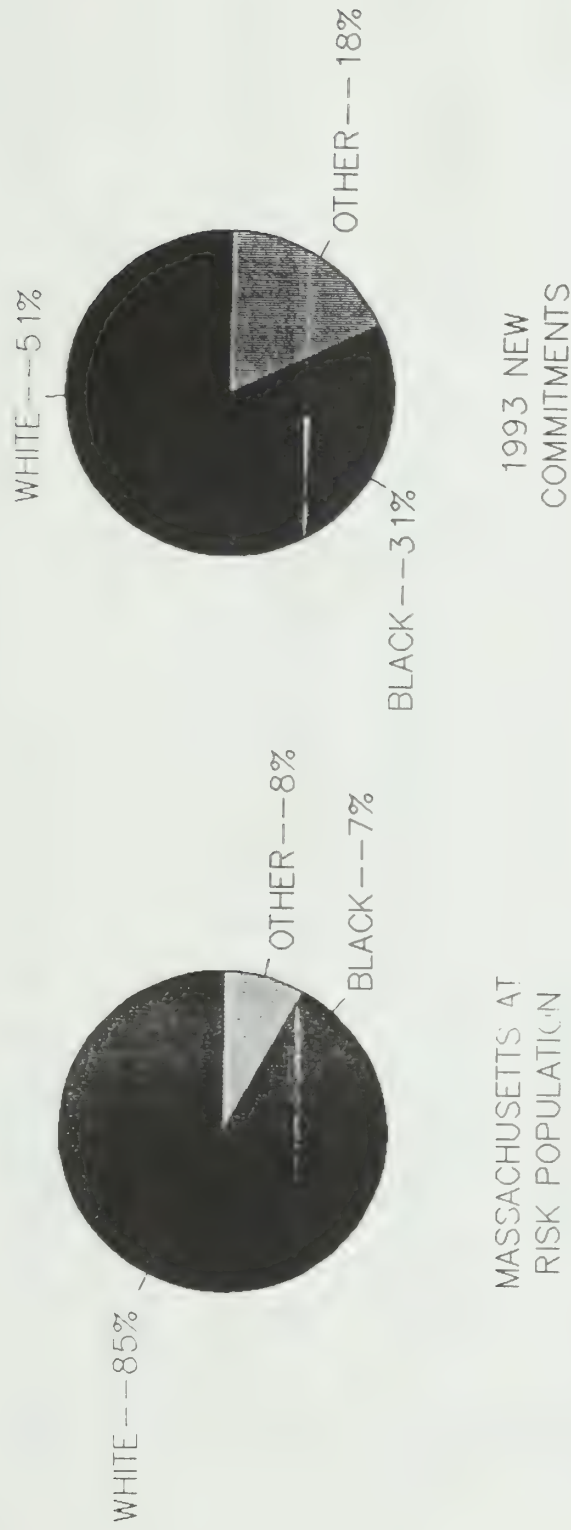
**TABLE I**  
**COMMITMENT RATES, 1980 - 1993**

	NUMBER OF YOUTHS COMMITTED	NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS PER 1,000 ARRAIGNMENTS	COMMITMENT RATE
1980	854	25,943	33	3.3%
1981	855	22,129	39	3.9%
1982	858	20,799	41	4.1%
1983	796	18,122	44	4.4%
1984	767	18,425	42	4.2%
1985	878	19,804	44	4.4%
1986	809	19,793	41	4.1%
1987	757	18,782	40	4.0%
1988	714	18,429	39	3.9%
1989	836	18,688	45	4.5%
1990	830	18,770	44	4.4%
1991	767	18,724	41	4.1%
1992	870	19,069	46	4.6%
1993	929	20,118	46	4.6%



# GRAPH 1

## 1993 NEW COMMITMENTS AND MASSACHUSETTS AT RISK POPULATION



\* At risk population figures are based on 1990 census figures.

\*\* At risk youth are defined as youth between the ages of 7 and 17.





## SECTION I: CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS AND OFFENSE PATTERNS 1992 – 1993

### AGE:

The average age of youth committed to the Department in 1993 was 15.9 years of age. While the average age was the same in 1992, overall, youth tended to be committed at younger ages in 1993 (e.g. 36.4% of youth committed in 1992 were under 15.6 years of age, as compared to 43.3% in 1993).

### SEX:

The number of females newly committed to the Department continue to decline. There were 9 fewer females committed in 1993 (58) than in 1992 (67). Thus, in 1993 females accounted for only 6.2% of the newly committed population.

Conversely, the number of male youth entering the Department continue to rise. There were 803 males committed in 1993, an increase of 68 youth over 1992 numbers.

### RACE:

For the first time since 1988 non-minority youth were committed at higher rates than minority youth, 51% and 49% respectively.

The categories that experienced the largest changes over the past year were the increases of white youth (+ 31%) and other youth (+93%) and the reduction in the number of Hispanic youth (-39%). The percentage of black youth committed to the Department remained almost the same from 1992.

### REGION:

With the exception of the Metro Region, every region experienced an increased number of commitments in 1993. These increases ranged from 7 additional youth in the Central and Southeast Regions to 29 in the Northeast Region. Conversely, there were 12 fewer youth committed to the Metro Region in 1993 as compared to 1992.

### OFFENSE TYPE:

Again, as in 1992, the number of youth committed on person offenses (42.8%) outnumbered those committed on property, drug, weapon, public order or motor vehicle offenses. Youth committed on property offenses constituted 40.89% of new commitments.

Overall, proportions between offense categories remained virtually the same, with the property offenses experiencing the largest increase (up 3% from 1992).

By specific offense youth were most frequently committed on armed assault charges, 175 (18.8%) and least frequently committed on murder or non-assaultive sex offenses at 2 (0.2%) each.

Among the property offenders, youth were committed at the highest rate on burglary and possession of burglarious tool offenses (143 or 38% of newly committed property offenders). These youth were also committed at the highest rate in 1992 (118 or 36% of all newly committed property offenders).



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**TABLE II**  
**CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS**  
**1992 - 1993**

	1992		1993		CHANGE 1992 - 1993	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL NEW COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>AGE:</b>						
9.0 - 12.5 YEARS	4	0.5%	7	0.8%	3	75.0%
12.6 - 13.5 YEARS	33	3.8%	33	3.6%	0	0.0%
13.6 - 14.5 YEARS	86	9.9%	121	13.0%	35	40.7%
14.6 - 15.5 YEARS	193	22.2%	241	25.9%	48	24.9%
15.6 - 16.5 YEARS	301	34.6%	286	30.8%	-15	-5.0%
16.6 +	253	29.1%	241	25.9%	-12	-4.7%
<b>SEX:</b>						
MALE	803	92.3%	871	93.8%	68	8.5%
FEMALE	67	7.7%	58	6.2%	-9	-13.4%
<b>RACE:</b>						
WHITE	364	41.8%	477	51.3%	113	31.0%
BLACK	294	33.8%	283	30.5%	-11	-3.7%
HISPANIC	181	20.8%	109	11.7%	-72	-39.8%
OTHER	31	3.6%	60	6.5%	29	93.5%
<b>REGION:</b>						
WESTERN	184	21.1%	212	22.8%	28	15.2%
CENTRAL	158	18.2%	165	17.8%	7	4.4%
NORTHEAST	130	14.9%	159	17.1%	29	22.3%
SOUTHEAST	169	19.4%	176	18.9%	7	4.1%
METRO	229	26.3%	217	23.4%	-12	-5.2%
<b>OFFENSE TYPE:</b>						
PERSON	375	43.1%	398	42.8%	23	6.1%
PROPERTY	329	37.8%	379	40.8%	50	15.2%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	17	2.0%	14	1.5%	-3	-17.6%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	72	8.3%	72	7.8%	0	0.0%
MOTOR VEHICLE	28	3.2%	26	2.8%	-2	-7.1%
WEAPONS	27	3.1%	23	2.5%	-4	-14.8%
PUBLIC ORDER	22	2.5%	20	2.2%	-2	-9.1%



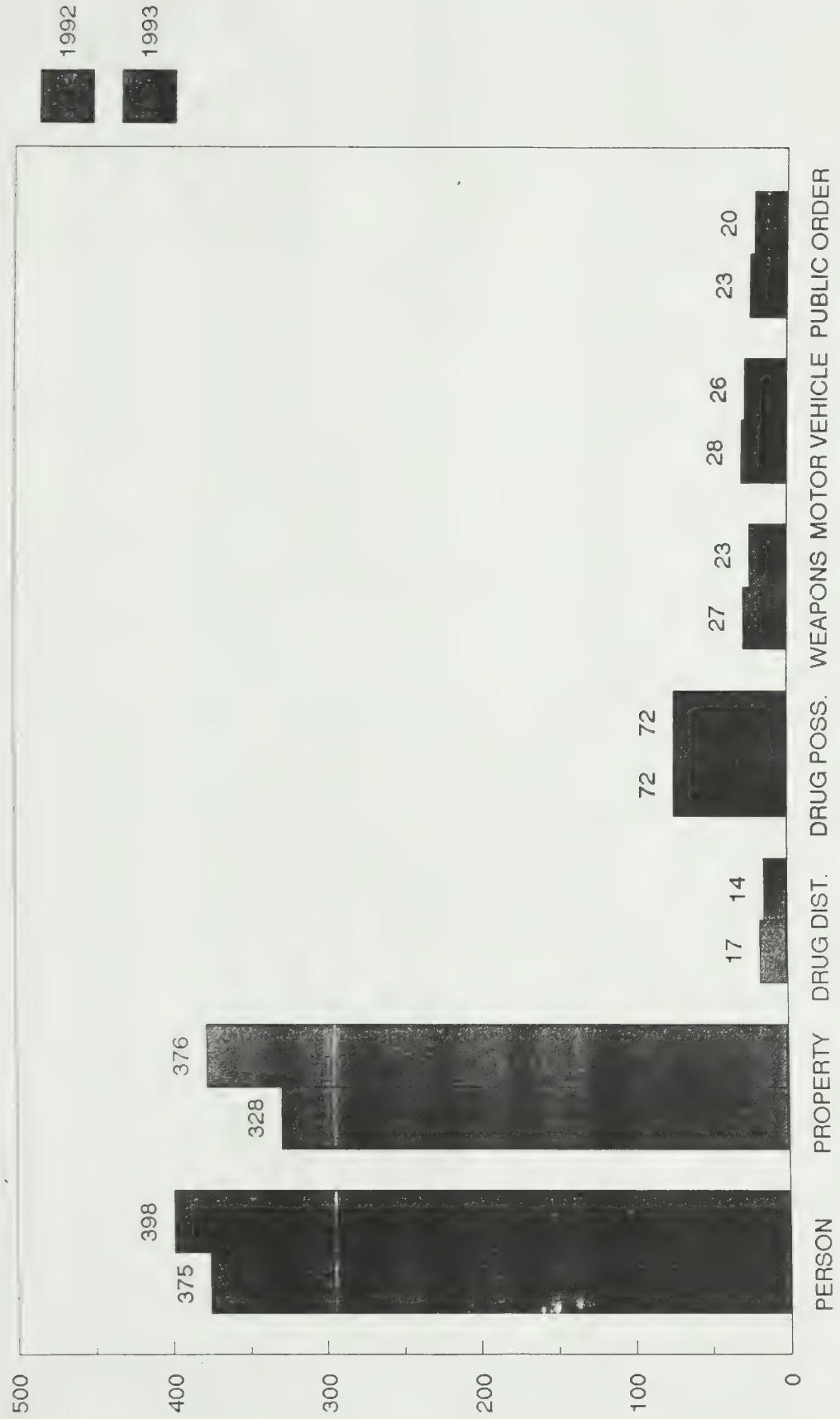
TABLE III  
SPECIFIC COMMITTING OFFENSE  
1992 - 1993

	1992	1993	CHANGE 1992 - 1993
MURDER	0	2	2
MANSLAUGHTER	2	7	5
ARMED ASSAULT	191	175	-16
UNARMED ASSAULT	99	113	14
ARMED ROBBERY	19	15	-4
UNARMED ROBBERY	13	13	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	33	52	19
KIDNAPPING	1	0	-1
THREATS, ETC.	17	21	4
TOTAL PERSON	375	398	23
ARSON	16	13	-3
BURGLARY AND PBT*	118	143	25
LARCENY	99	108	9
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	75	77	2
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	20	35	15
TOTAL PROPERTY	328	376	48
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	17	14	-3
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	72	72	0
TOTAL DRUG	89	86	-3
WEAPONS	27	23	-4
TOTAL WEAPONS	27	23	-4
MOTOR VEHICLE	28	26	-2
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	28	26	-2
SEX OFFENSES	5	2	-3
PUBLIC ORDER	17	18	1
FRAUD	1	0	-1
TOTAL PUBLIC ORDER	23	20	-3
TOTAL OFFENSES	870	929	59

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS



# GRAPH 2 NEW COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE TYPE 1992 - 1993







## SECTION II: ARRAIGNMENT AND COMMITMENT LEVELS BY COURT 1992 – 1993

**STATEWIDE:** In 1993, 929 youth were committed to the Department of Youth Services by Massachusetts Courts. In that same period of time, there were 20,118 juvenile arraignments, thus 1 out of every 21.7 youth arraigned in a Massachusetts court was committed to DYS in 1993 – a commitment rate of 4.6%.

Brockton, Dorchester, Fall River, New Bedford and Worcester Juvenile were the courts with the highest number of juvenile arraignments (all at 4% of the total number).

The Boston Juvenile, Dorchester, Roxbury and Springfield Juvenile courts, on the other hand, committed the highest number of youth to DYS constituting 6%, 9%, 5% and 10% of total commitments to the Department respectively.

**BY REGION:** In 1993, the highest number of juveniles were arraigned in the Southeast Region (5,982) and the lowest number was found in the Metro Region (3,115). Not surprisingly, the reverse was realized when commitment rates were examined. The Metro Region, for example, had the highest commitment rate to the Department with 6.6% of youth arraigned being committed. Furthermore, while Southeast Regional courts had the highest number of arraignments, they experienced the lowest commitment rate among all regions (2.7%).

Finally, in the Western Region North Adams Court had the highest commitment rate (10.5%), Worcester Juvenile in the Central Region (9.1%), Peabody Court in the Northeast (10.8%), Wrentham in Southeast (6.9%) and Boston Juvenile (11.6%) in the Metro Region.



TABLE IV

## STATEWIDE COMMITMENTS BY COURT AND NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS: 1992 - 1993

COURT AREAS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			COMMITMENT RATES	
	1992			1992			1993			1993			1992	1993
	N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%			
ADAMS	0	0%		54	0%		1	0%		24	0%		0.0%	4.2%
ATTLEBORO	10	1%		210	1%		12	1%		277	1%		4.8%	4.3%
AYER	3	0%		154	1%		10	1%		187	1%		1.9%	5.3%
BARNESTABLE	13	1%		471	2%		5	1%		521	3%		2.8%	1.0%
BOSTON JUVENILE	52	6%		599	3%		58	6%		458	2%		8.7%	12.7%
BRIGHTON	5	1%		111	1%		5	1%		85	0%		4.5%	5.9%
BRISTOL COUNTY JUV.	0	0%		-	0%		1	0%		-	0%		-	-
BROCKTON	33	4%		799	4%		30	3%		736	4%		4.1%	4.1%
BROOKLINE	3	0%		69	0%		1	0%		92	0%		4.3%	1.1%
CAMBRIDGE	21	2%		257	1%		15	2%		265	1%		8.2%	5.7%
CHARLESTOWN	5	1%		48	0%		6	1%		84	0%		10.4%	7.1%
CHELSEA	8	1%		241	1%		8	1%		300	1%		3.3%	2.7%
CHICOPEE	10	1%		200	1%		10	1%		220	1%		5.0%	4.5%
CLINTON	1	0%		87	0%		3	0%		101	1%		1.1%	3.0%
CONCORD	4	0%		177	1%		5	1%		177	1%		2.3%	2.8%
DEDHAM	4	0%		139	1%		1	0%		181	1%		2.9%	0.6%
DORCHESTER	87	10%		793	4%		79	9%		806	4%		11.0%	9.8%
DUDLEY	4	0%		267	1%		6	1%		282	1%		1.5%	2.1%
EAST BOSTON	2	0%		250	1%		7	1%		246	1%		0.8%	2.8%
EDGARTOWN	0	0%		27	0%		0	0%		38	0%		0.0%	0.0%
ESSEX SUPERIOR	2	0%		-	0%		1	0%		-	0%		-	-
FALL RIVER	19	2%		692	4%		27	3%		723	4%		2.7%	3.7%
FITCHBURG	19	2%		275	1%		13	1%		225	1%		6.9%	5.8%
FRAMINGHAM	8	1%		250	1%		14	2%		343	2%		3.2%	4.1%
GARDNER	7	1%		122	1%		6	1%		135	1%		5.7%	4.4%
GLOUCESTER	0	0%		76	0%		3	0%		81	0%		0.0%	3.7%
GREAT BARRINGTON	1	0%		100	1%		0	0%		83	0%		1.0%	0.0%
GREENFIELD	8	1%		200	1%		11	1%		210	1%		4.0%	5.2%
HAVERHILL	10	1%		206	1%		15	2%		222	1%		4.9%	6.8%
HINGHAM	3	0%		243	1%		2	0%		218	1%		1.2%	0.9%
HOLYOKE	27	3%		531	3%		30	3%		446	2%		5.1%	6.7%
IPSWICH	0	0%		6	0%		0	0%		21	0%		0.0%	0.0%
LAWRENCE	19	2%		491	3%		27	3%		627	3%		3.9%	4.3%
LEOMINISTER	1	0%		239	1%		1	0%		225	1%		0.4%	0.4%
LOWELL	52	6%		568	3%		53	6%		633	3%		9.2%	8.4%
LYNN	21	2%		336	2%		22	2%		459	2%		6.3%	4.8%





STATEWIDE COMMITMENTS BY COURT AND NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS: 1992 - 1993

COURT AREAS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			COMMITMENT RATES	
	1992			1992			1993			1993			1992	1993
	N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%			
MALDEN	14	2%		344	2%		10	1%		326	2%		4.1%	3.1%
MARLBOROUGH	6	1%		132	1%		4	0%		133	1%		4.5%	3.0%
MIDDLESEX SUPERIOR	1	0%		-	0%		2	0%		-	0%		-	-
MILFORD	0	0%		93	0%		1	0%		120	1%		0.0%	0.8%
NATICK	1	0%		61	0%		0	0%		53	0%		1.6%	0.0%
NANTUCKET	0	0%		6	0%		0	0%		2	0%		0.0%	0.0%
NEW BEDFORD	21	2%		723	4%		27	3%		798	4%		2.9%	3.4%
NEWBURYPORT	11	1%		203	1%		13	1%		135	1%		5.4%	9.6%
NEWTON	0	0%		57	0%		1	0%		57	0%		0.0%	1.8%
NORTH ADAMS	6	1%		124	1%		6	1%		57	0%		4.8%	10.5%
NORTHAMPTON	5	1%		273	1%		13	1%		273	1%		1.8%	4.8%
ORANGE	4	0%		154	1%		5	1%		178	1%		2.6%	2.8%
ORLEANS	4	0%		286	1%		3	0%		257	1%		1.4%	1.2%
PALMER	8	1%		117	1%		6	1%		207	1%		6.8%	2.9%
PEABODY	2	0%		98	1%		11	1%		102	1%		2.0%	10.8%
PITTSFIELD	21	2%		269	1%		27	3%		276	1%		7.8%	9.8%
PLYMOUTH	6	1%		382	2%		3	0%		338	2%		1.6%	0.9%
QUINCY	30	3%		574	3%		16	2%		601	3%		5.2%	2.7%
ROXBURY	58	7%		582	3%		51	5%		505	3%		10.0%	10.1%
SALEM	6	1%		190	1%		3	0%		254	1%		3.2%	1.2%
SOMERVILLE	8	1%		213	1%		9	1%		263	1%		3.8%	3.4%
SOUTH BOSTON	3	0%		119	1%		3	0%		119	1%		2.5%	2.5%
SPENCER	5	1%		123	1%		9	1%		100	0%		4.1%	9.0%
SPRINGFIELD JUV.	84	10%		1311	7%		93	10%		1584	8%		6.4%	5.9%
STOUGHTON	1	0%		119	1%		6	1%		137	1%		0.8%	4.4%
TAUNTON	8	1%		453	2%		17	2%		501	3%		1.8%	3.4%
UXBRIDGE	4	0%		239	1%		8	1%		141	1%		1.7%	5.7%
WALTHAM	9	1%		253	1%		11	1%		252	1%		3.6%	4.4%
WARE	1	0%		67	0%		1	0%		64	0%		1.5%	1.6%
WAREHAM	9	1%		16	2%		7	1%		316	2%		2.8%	2.2%
WESTBOROUGH	8	1%		178	1%		3	1%		195	1%		4.5%	4.1%
WESTFIELD	4	0%		155	1%		7	1%		136	1%		2.6%	5.1%
WEST ROXBURY	5	1%		489	3%		6	1%		512	3%		1.0%	1.2%
WINCHENDON	3	0%		33	0%		3	0%		33	0%		9.1%	9.1%
WINTHAM	3	0%		166	1%		13	1%		189	1%		1.8%	6.9%
WOBURN	6	1%		250	1%		3	0%		216	1%		2.4%	1.4%
WORCESTER JUVENILE	42	5%		764	4%		34	4%		857	4%		5.5%	4.0%
WORCESTER DISTRICT	1	0%		-	0%		1	0%		-	0%		-	-
TOTAL ACROSS COURTS	870	100%		19,204	100%		929	100%		20,018	100%		4.5%	4.6%



TABLE IV (A)  
WESTERN REGION COMMITMENTS BY COURT AND NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS: 1992 - 1993

COURT AREAS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS		NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			COMMITMENT RATES	
	1992			1992			1992		1993			1993	
	N	%		N	%		N	%	N	%			
ADAMS	0	0%		54	2%		1	0%	24	1%		0.0%	4.2%
CHICOPEE	10	6%		200	6%		10	5%	220	6%		5.0%	4.5%
GREAT BARRINGTON	1	1%		100	3%		0	0%	83	2%		1.0%	0.0%
GREENFIELD	8	5%		200	6%		10	5%	210	6%		4.0%	4.8%
HOLYOKE	27	15%		531	15%		30	14%	446	12%		5.1%	6.7%
NORTH ADAMS	6	3%		124	3%		6	3%	57	2%		4.8%	10.5%
NORTHAMPTON	5	3%		273	8%		13	6%	273	7%		1.8%	4.8%
ORANGE	4	2%		154	4%		5	2%	178	5%		2.6%	2.8%
PALMER	8	5%		117	3%		6	3%	207	6%		6.8%	2.9%
PITTSFIELD	21	12%		269	8%		27	13%	276	7%		7.8%	9.8%
SPRINGFIELD	83	47%		1311	37%		92	44%	1584	42%		6.3%	5.8%
WARE	1	1%		67	2%		1	0%	64	2%		1.5%	1.6%
WESTFIELD	3	2%		155	4%		7	3%	136	4%		1.9%	5.1%
<b>TOTAL ACROSS COURTS</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>3555</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>208</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3758</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

\* Only courts located in the Western Region are included in the above table. However, a number of youths were arraigned by courts outside the regional jurisdiction.

Those courts and their number of commitments and arraignments for 1993 are as follows: Brockton 1 commitment, 736 arraignments; Quincy 0 commitments, 601 arraignments; Spencer 1 commitment, 100 arraignments; Worcester 1 commitment, 857 arraignments.

\*\* Regional commitment totals for this table will not match regional totals in others tables throughout this report due to the fact that youths committed by courts outside of regional jurisdictions are not included in the above table.



TABLE IV (B)  
CENTRAL REGION COMMITMENTS BY COURT AND NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS: 1992 - 1993

COURT AREAS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			COMMITMENT RATES	
	1992			1992			1993			1993			1992	1993
	N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%			
AYER	3	2%		154	4%		9	6%		187	5%		1.9%	4.8%
CLINTON	1	1%		87	2%		3	2%		101	3%		1.1%	3.0%
DUDLEY	4	3%		267	7%		6	4%		282	7%		1.5%	2.1%
FITCHBURG	18	12%		275	8%		13	8%		225	6%		6.5%	5.8%
FRAMINGHAM	8	5%		250	7%		13	8%		343	9%		3.2%	3.8%
GARDNER	6	4%		122	3%		6	4%		135	4%		4.9%	4.4%
LEOMINISTER	1	1%		239	7%		1	1%		225	6%		0.4%	0.4%
LOWELL	49	32%		568	16%		46	29%		633	17%		8.6%	7.3%
MALBOROUGH	5	3%		132	4%		4	2%		133	4%		3.8%	3.0%
MILFORD	0	0%		93	3%		1	1%		120	3%		0.0%	0.8%
NATICK	1	1%		61	2%		0	0%		53	1%		1.6%	0.0%
SPENCER	4	3%		123	3%		8	5%		100	3%		3.3%	8.0%
UXBRIDGE	4	3%		239	7%		6	4%		141	4%		1.7%	4.3%
WESTBORO	6	4%		178	5%		8	5%		195	5%		3.4%	4.1%
WINCHENDON	3	2%		33	1%		3	2%		33	1%		9.1%	9.1%
WORCESTER JUVENILE	40	26%		761	21%		34	21%		857	23%		5.2%	4.0%
WORCESTER DISTRICT	1	1%		-	0%		0	0%		-	0%		-	-
TOTAL ACROSS COURTS	154	100%		3585	100%		161	100%		3763	100%		4.3%	4.3%

\* Only courts located in the Central Region are included in the above table. However, a number of youths were arraigned by courts outside the regional jurisdiction.

Those courts and their number of commitments and arraignments for 1993 are as follows: Brockton 1 commitment, 736 arraignments; Concord 1 commitment, 177 arraignments; Greenfield 1 commitment, 210 arraignments; Lawrence 0 commitments, 627 arraignments; Peabody 0 commitments, 102 arraignments; Springfield 1 commitment, 1584 arraignments; Westfield 0 commitments, 136 arraignments.

\*\* Regional commitment totals for this table will not match regional totals in others tables throughout this report due to the fact that youths committed by courts outside of regional jurisdictions are not included in the above table.





TABLE IV (C)  
NORTHEAST REGION COMMITMENTS BY COURT AND NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS: 1992 - 1993

COURT AREAS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS		NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			COMMITMENT RATES	
	1992			1992			1992		1993			1992	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
CAMBRIDGE	16	14%	257	8%	12	9%	265	8%				6.2%	4.5%
CONCORD	4	3%	177	6%	3	2%	177	5%				2.3%	1.7%
ESSEX SUPERIOR	2	2%	-	0%	1	1%	-	0%				-	-
GLOUCESTER	0	0%	76	2%	3	2%	81	2%				0.0%	3.7%
HAVERHILL	10	9%	206	7%	14	10%	222	7%				4.9%	6.3%
IPSWICH	0	0%	6	0%	0	0%	21	1%					
LAWRENCE	18	15%	491	16%	27	19%	627	18%				3.7%	4.3%
LYNN	19	16%	336	11%	22	16%	459	14%				5.7%	4.8%
MALDEN	13	11%	344	11%	9	6%	326	10%				3.8%	2.8%
MIDDLESEX SUPERIOR	1	1%	-	0%	2	1%	-	0%				-	-
NEWBURYPORT	11	9%	203	7%	12	9%	135	4%				5.4%	8.9%
PEABODY	1	1%	117	4%	11	8%	102	3%				0.9%	10.8%
SALEM	6	5%	190	6%	3	2%	254	7%				3.2%	1.2%
SOMERVILLE	7	6%	213	7%	8	6%	263	8%				3.3%	3.0%
WALTHAM	5	4%	253	8%	9	6%	252	7%				2.0%	3.6%
WOBBURN	4	3%	250	8%	3	2%	216	6%				1.6%	1.4%
TOTAL ACROSS COURTS	117	100%	3119	100%	139	100%	3400	100%				3.8%	4.1%

\* Only courts located in the Northeast Region are included in the above table. However, a number of youths were arraigned by courts outside the regional jurisdiction. Those courts and their number of commitments and arraignments for 1993 are as follows: Boston Juvenile 4 commitments, 458 arraignments; Brighton 0 commitments, 85 arraignments; Brookline 1 commitment, 92 arraignments; Charlestown 1 commitment, 84 arraignments; Dedham 0 commitments, 181 arraignments; Dorchester 5 commitments, 806 arraignments; East Boston 1 commitment, 246 arraignments; Lowell 5 commitments, 633 arraignments; Malden 0 commitments, 133 arraignments; Plymouth 1 commitment, 338 arraignments; Quincy 1 commitment, 601 arraignments; South Boston 1 commitment, 119 arraignments; Westborough 0 commitments, 195 arraignments.

\*\* Regional commitment totals for this table will not match regional totals in other tables throughout this report due to the fact that youths committed by courts outside of regional jurisdictions are not included in the above table.



TABLE IV (D)  
SOUTHEAST REGION COMMITMENTS BY COURT AND NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS: 1992 - 1993

COURT AREAS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS		NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS		NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS		NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS		COMMITMENT RATES	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	1992	1993
ATTLEBORO	9	6%	210	4%	12	7%	277	5%	4.3%	4.3%
BARNSTABLE	13	8%	471	8%	5	3%	521	9%	2.8%	1.0%
BROCKTON	32	21%	799	14%	27	17%	736	12%	4.0%	3.7%
BROOKLINE	1	1%	69	1%	0	0%	92	2%	1.4%	0.0%
BRISTOL COUNTY JUV.	0	0%	-	0%	1	1%	-	0%	-	-
DEDHAM	3	2%	139	2%	1	1%	181	3%	2.2%	0.6%
EDGARTOWN	0	0%	27	0%	0	0%	38	1%	0.0%	0.0%
FALL RIVER	19	12%	692	12%	27	17%	723	12%	2.7%	3.7%
HIGHAM	3	2%	243	4%	2	1%	218	4%	1.2%	0.9%
NANTUCKET	0	0%	6	0%	0	0%	2	0%	0.0%	0.0%
NEW BEDFORD	21	14%	723	13%	26	16%	798	13%	2.9%	3.3%
NEWTON	0	0%	57	1%	1	1%	57	1%	0.0%	1.8%
ORLEANS	4	3%	286	5%	3	2%	257	4%	1.4%	1.2%
PLYMOUTH	6	4%	382	7%	2	1%	338	6%	1.6%	0.6%
QUINCY	22	14%	574	10%	14	9%	601	10%	3.8%	2.3%
STOUGHTON	1	1%	119	2%	6	4%	137	2%	0.8%	4.4%
TAUNTON	8	5%	453	8%	16	10%	501	8%	1.8%	3.2%
WAREHAM	9	6%	316	6%	7	4%	316	5%	2.8%	2.2%
WRENTHAM	3	2%	166	3%	13	8%	189	3%	1.8%	6.9%
TOTAL ACROSS COURTS	154	100%	5732	100%	163	100%	5982	100%	2.7%	2.7%

\* Only courts located in the Southeast Region are included in the above table. However, a number of youths were arraigned by courts outside the regional jurisdiction.

Those courts and their number of commitments and arraignments for 1993 are as follows; Boston Juvenile 1 commitment, 458 arraignments; Cambridge 3 commitments, 265 arraignments; Dorchester 1 commitment, 806 arraignments; Framingham 1 commitment, 343 arraignments; Springfield 0 commitments, 1584 arraignments; Roxbury 1 commitment, 505 arraignments; South Boston 1 commitment, 119 arraignments; Westborough 0 commitments, 195 arraignments; West Roxbury 1 commitment, 195 arraignments.

\*\* Regional commitment totals for this table will not match regional totals in others tables throughout this report due to the fact that youths committed by courts outside of regional jurisdictions are not included in the above table.





TABLE IV (E)  
METRO REGION COMMITMENTS BY COURT AND NUMBER OF ARRAIGNMENTS: 1992 - 1993

COURT AREAS	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS			NUMBER OF JUVENILE ARRAIGNMENTS			COMMITMENT RATES	
	N	%		N	%		N	%		N	%		1992	1993
BOSTON JUVENILE	47	22%		599	19%		53	26%		458	15%		7.8%	11.6%
BRIGHTON	4	2%		111	3%		5	2%		85	3%		3.6%	5.9%
CHARLESTOWN	4	2%		48	1%		4	2%		84	3%		8.3%	4.8%
CHELSEA	8	4%		241	7%		8	4%		300	10%		3.3%	2.7%
DORCHESTER	81	39%		793	25%		73	36%		806	26%		10.2%	9.1%
EAST BOSTON	2	1%		250	8%		6	3%		246	8%		0.8%	2.4%
ROXBURY	56	27%		582	18%		50	24%		505	16%		9.6%	9.9%
SOUTH BOSTON	3	1%		119	4%		1	0%		119	4%		2.5%	0.8%
WEST ROXBURY	5	2%		489	15%		5	2%		512	16%		1.0%	1.0%
<b>TOTAL ACROSS COURTS</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>3232</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>205</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>3115</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>6.5%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>

\* Only courts located in the Metro Region are included in the above table. However, a number of youths were arraigned by courts outside the regional jurisdiction. Those courts and their number of commitments and arraignments for 1993 are as follows: Attleboro 0 commitments, 277 arraignments; Brockton 1 commitment, 736 arraignments; Cambridge 0 commitments, 265 arraignments; Concord 1 commitment, 177 arraignments; Haverall 1, commitment 222 arraignments; Lowell 2 commitments, 633 arraignments; Lynn 0 commitments, 459 arraignments; Malden 1 commitment, 326 arraignments; New Bedford 1 commitment, 798 arraignments; Quincy 1 commitment, 601 arraignments; Somerville 1 commitment, 263 arraignments; Taunton 1 commitment, 141 arraignments; Uxbridge 1 commitment, 216 arraignments; Woburn 0 commitments, 216 arraignments; Waltham 0 commitments, 252 arraignments.

\*\* Regional commitment totals for this table will not match regional totals in others tables throughout this report due to the fact that youths committed by courts outside of regional jurisdictions are not included in the above table.



### SECTION III: CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS AND OFFENSE PATTERNS BY REGION 1992 – 1993

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The number of commitments by region ranged from a low of 159 youth in the Northeast Region to a high of 217 youth in the Metro Region.

There was very little diversity among the youth committed to the Department by region in 1993. For instance, the average youth committed to the Western and Southeast Regions in 1993 were male, white, 15 years of age, had completed the 8th grade and came from families where parents were either divorced or separated. In the Central Region this youth was again a white male, however he was 16 years of age upon commitment. He too, had completed the 8th grade and came from a home where his parents were divorced or separated. Except for the fact that his parents never married, the Northeast youth is the mirror image of the average Central Region youth. Finally, the average Metro Region youth was black, 16 years of age and came from a family where the parents' marital status was unknown.

By offense, youth in the Central and Metro Regions were most frequently committed on offenses against a person (48% and 45%, respectively). Youth in the remaining regions were most often committed on property offenses.

Overall, Metro Region received 56% of the youth committed to the Department on Drug distribution offenses, 71% of the youth committed on drug possession offenses, 39.1% of the youth committed on weapons offenses and 40% of those committed on public order offenses. In these categories they received the highest number of youth than any other region statewide. Central Region, on the other hand, received the highest number of youth committed on motor vehicle offenses (38.5%), while the Western Region received the highest proportion of property offenders (26.6%).



# GRAPH 3 NEW COMMITMENTS BY REGION 1993

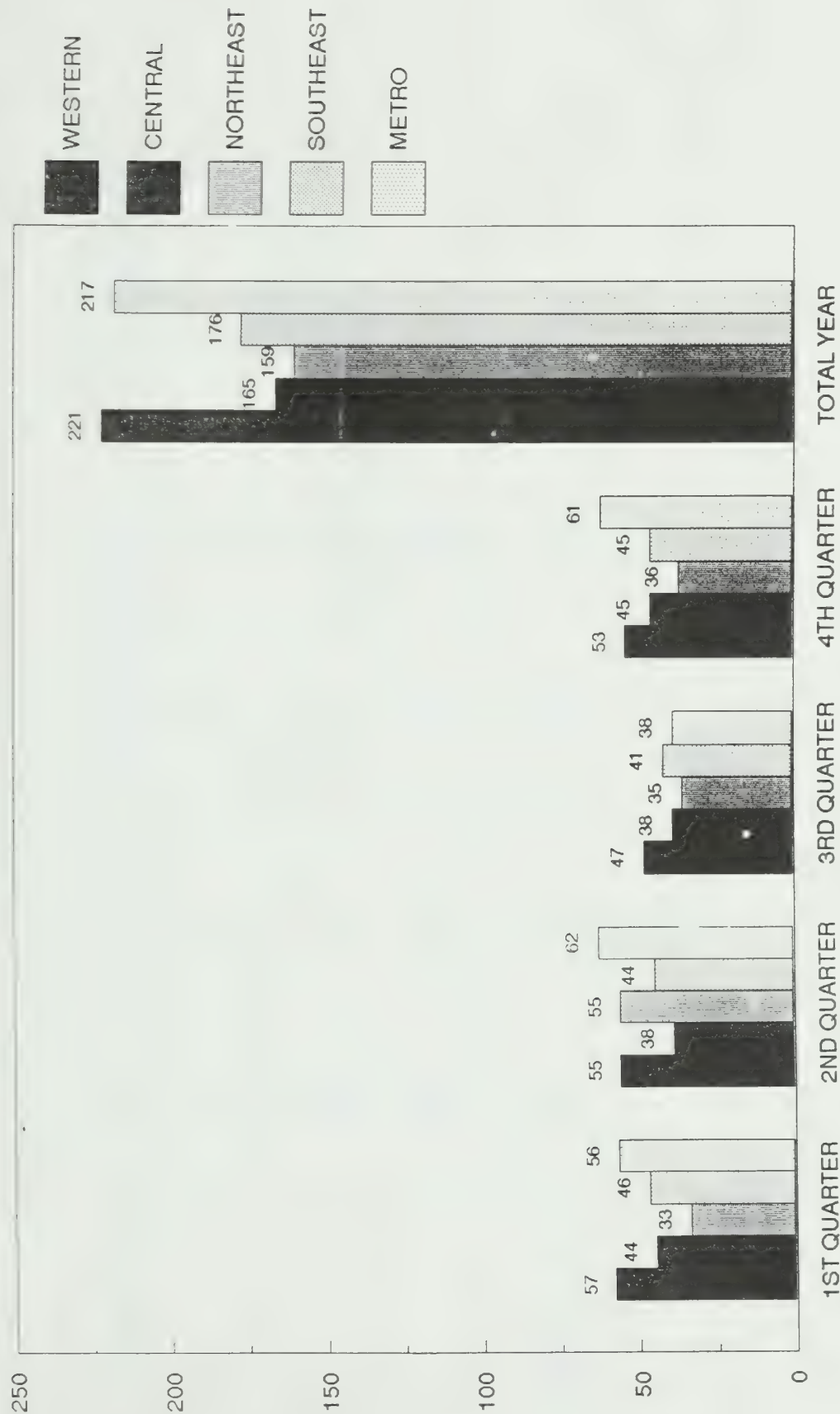






TABLE V  
COMMITMENTS BY MONTH AND REGION  
1993

MONTH OF COMMITMENT	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO		TOTAL	
	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %	N	COL %
TOTAL	212	100.0%	165	100.0%	159	100.0%	176	100.0%	217	100.0%	929	100.0%
JANUARY	24	11.3%	14	8.5%	8	5.0%	19	10.8%	18	8.3%	83	8.9%
FEBRUARY	14	6.6%	11	6.7%	13	8.2%	17	9.7%	14	6.5%	69	7.4%
MARCH	19	9.0%	19	11.5%	12	7.5%	10	5.7%	24	11.1%	84	9.0%
1ST QUARTER	57	26.9%	44	26.7%	33	20.8%	46	26.1%	56	25.8%	236	25.4%
APRIL	23	10.8%	14	8.5%	16	10.1%	11	6.3%	22	10.1%	86	9.3%
MAY	14	6.6%	9	5.5%	20	12.6%	18	10.2%	16	7.4%	77	8.3%
JUNE	18	8.5%	15	9.1%	19	11.9%	15	8.5%	24	11.1%	91	9.8%
2ND QUARTER	55	25.9%	38	23.0%	55	34.6%	44	25.0%	62	28.6%	254	27.3%
JULY	16	7.5%	7	4.2%	10	6.3%	12	6.8%	11	5.1%	56	6.0%
AUGUST	11	5.2%	15	9.1%	13	8.2%	21	11.9%	10	4.6%	70	7.5%
SEPTEMBER	20	9.4%	16	9.7%	12	7.5%	8	4.5%	17	7.8%	73	7.9%
3RD QUARTER	47	22.2%	38	23.0%	35	22.0%	41	23.3%	38	17.5%	199	21.4%
OCTOBER	22	10.4%	18	10.9%	9	5.7%	17	9.7%	25	11.5%	91	9.8%
NOVEMBER	17	8.0%	19	11.5%	15	9.4%	17	9.7%	19	8.8%	87	9.4%
DECEMBER	14	6.6%	8	4.8%	12	7.5%	11	6.3%	17	7.8%	62	6.7%
4TH QUARTER	53	25.0%	45	27.3%	36	22.6%	45	25.6%	61	28.1%	240	25.8%



TABLE VI (A)  
WESTERN REGION COMMITMENTS BY SEX, RACE, AGE, LAST GRADE AND PARENTS MARITAL STATUS

NEW COMMITMENTS BY SEX			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
MALE	162	194	19.75%
FEMALE	22	18	-18.18%
TOTAL	184	212	15.22%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
WHITE	69	80	15.94%
BLACK	39	54	38.46%
HISPANIC	65	71	9.23%
OTHER	11	7	-36.36%
TOTAL	184	212	15.22%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY AGE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
UNDER 14	21	16	-23.81%
14	30	39	30.00%
15	40	68	70.00%
16	64	66	3.13%
OVER 16	29	23	-20.69%
TOTAL	184	212	15.22%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY LAST GRADE COMPLETED				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
6TH OR LESS	27	26	12.26%	-3.70%
7TH	25	19	8.96%	-24.00%
8TH	58	43	20.28%	-25.86%
9TH	34	29	13.68%	-14.71%
10TH OR MORE	18	6	2.83%	-66.67%
MISSING	22	89	41.98%	304.55%
TOTAL	184	212	100.00%	15.22%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY PARENTS MARITAL STATUS				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
MARRIED/LIVING TOGETHER	27	28	13.21%	3.70%
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	88	71	33.49%	-19.32%
NEVER MARRIED	49	55	25.94%	12.24%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	15	15	7.08%	0.00%
OTHER	5	18	8.49%	260.00%
MISSING	0	25	11.79%	-
TOTAL	184	212	100.00%	15.22%





TABLE VI (B)

## CENTRAL REGION COMMITMENTS BY SEX, RACE, AGE, LAST GRADE AND PARENTS MARITAL STATUS

NEW COMMITMENTS BY SEX			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
MALE	144	158	95.76%
FEMALE	14	7	4.24%
TOTAL	158	165	100.00%
			4.43%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
WHITE	96	136	52.17%
BLACK	15	10	8.15%
HISPANIC	36	10	19.57%
OTHER	11	9	6.96%
TOTAL	158	165	85.87%
			77.83%
			4.43%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY AGE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
UNDER 14	15	13	8.15%
14	24	30	13.04%
15	45	45	24.46%
16	52	52	28.26%
OVER 16	22	25	11.96%
TOTAL	158	165	85.87%
			77.83%
			4.43%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY LAST GRADE COMPLETED				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
6TH OR LESS	37	15	23.42%	9.09%
7TH	18	24	11.39%	14.55%
8TH	43	68	27.22%	41.21%
9TH	27	34	17.09%	20.61%
10TH OR MORE	13	18	8.23%	10.91%
MISSING	20	6	12.66%	3.64%
TOTAL	158	165	100.00%	100.00%
				4.43%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY PARENTS MARITAL STATUS				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
MARRIED/LIVING TOGETHER	25	23	15.82%	13.94%
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	59	74	37.34%	44.85%
NEVER MARRIED	47	45	29.75%	27.27%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	17	10	10.76%	6.06%
OTHER	10	7	6.33%	4.24%
MISSING	0	6	0.00%	3.64%
TOTAL	158	165	100.00%	100.00%
				4.43%



TABLE VI (C)  
NORTHEAST REGION COMMITMENTS BY SEX, RACE, AGE, LAST GRADE AND PARENTS MARITAL STATUS

NEW COMMITMENTS BY SEX			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
MALE	124	95.38%	146 91.82% 17.74%
FEMALE	6	4.62%	13 8.18% 116.67%
TOTAL	130	100.00%	159 100.00% 22.31%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
WHITE	69	37.50%	112 52.83% 62.32%
BLACK	26	14.13%	34 16.04% 30.77%
HISPANIC	32	17.39%	4 1.89% -87.50%
OTHER	3	2.31%	9 4.25% 200.00%
TOTAL	130	70.65%	159 75.00% 22.31%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY AGE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
UNDER 14	6	3.26%	20 9.43% 233.33%
14	13	7.07%	33 15.57% 153.85%
15	42	22.83%	36 16.98% -14.29%
16	41	22.28%	55 25.94% 34.15%
OVER 16	28	15.22%	15 7.08% -46.43%
TOTAL	130	70.65%	159 75.00% 22.31%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY LAST GRADE COMPLETED			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
6TH OR LESS	32	24.62%	27 16.98% -15.63%
7TH	13	10.00%	21 13.21% 61.54%
8TH	35	26.92%	54 33.96% 54.29%
9TH	34	26.15%	25 15.72% -26.47%
10TH OR MORE	15	11.54%	10 6.29% -33.33%
MISSING	1	0.77%	22 13.84% 2100.00%
TOTAL	130	100.00%	159 100.00% 22.31%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY PARENTS MARITAL STATUS			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
MARRIED/LIVING TOGETHER	24	18.46%	22 13.84% -8.33%
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	48	36.92%	45 /c -6.25%
NEVER MARRIED	36	27.69%	52 32.70% 44.44%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	7	5.38%	19 11.95% 171.43%
OTHER	15	11.54%	15 9.43% 0.00%
MISSING	0	0.00%	6 3.77% -
TOTAL	130	100.00%	159 100.00% 22.31%



TABLE VI (D)  
SOUTHEAST REGION COMMITMENTS BY SEX, RACE, AGE, LAST GRADE AND PARENTS MARITAL STATUS

NEW COMMITMENTS BY SEX			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
MALE	160	170	6.25%
FEMALE	9	6	-33.33%
TOTAL	169	176	4.14%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
WHITE	104	122	17.31%
BLACK	47	41	-12.77%
HISPANIC	17	8	-52.94%
OTHER	1	5	400.00%
TOTAL	169	176	4.14%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY AGE			
	1992	1993	% CHANGE
UNDER 14	9	18	100.00%
14	22	35	59.09%
15	51	44	-13.73%
16	71	57	-19.72%
OVER 16	16	22	37.50%
TOTAL	169	176	4.14%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY LAST GRADE COMPLETED				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
6TH OR LESS	133	31	78.70%	-76.69%
7TH	8	29	4.73%	262.50%
8TH	13	63	7.69%	384.62%
9TH	13	25	7.69%	92.31%
10TH OR MORE	2	13	1.18%	550.00%
MISSING	0	15	0.00%	ERR
TOTAL	169	176	100.00%	4.14%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY PARENTS MARITAL STATUS				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
MARRIED/LIVING TOGETHER	28	28	16.57%	0.00%
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	76	75	44.97%	-1.32%
NEVER MARRIED	42	40	24.85%	-4.76%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	14	20	8.28%	42.86%
OTHER	9	10	5.33%	11.11%
MISSING	0	3	0.00%	-
TOTAL	169	176	100.00%	4.14%





TABLE VI (E)

## METRO REGION COMMITMENTS BY SEX, RACE, AGE, LAST GRADE AND PARENTS MARITAL STATUS

NEW COMMITMENTS BY SEX				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
MALE	213	203	93.01%	-4.69%
FEMALE	16	14	6.99%	-12.50%
TOTAL	229	217	100.00%	-5.24%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
WHITE	26	27	14.13%	3.85%
BLACK	167	144	90.76%	-13.77%
HISPANIC	31	16	16.85%	-48.39%
OTHER	5	30	2.18%	500.00%
TOTAL	229	217	124.46%	-5.24%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY AGE				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
UNDER 14	14	15	7.61%	7.14%
14	29	38	15.76%	31.03%
15	70	56	38.04%	-20.00%
16	84	73	45.65%	-13.10%
OVER 16	32	35	17.39%	9.38%
TOTAL	229	217	124.46%	-5.24%

NEW COMMITMENTS BY LAST GRADE COMPLETED				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
6TH OR LESS	22	29	9.61%	13.36%
7TH	46	37	20.09%	-19.57%
8TH	99	110	43.23%	11.11%
9TH	40	24	17.47%	-40.00%
10TH OR MORE	21	16	9.17%	-23.81%
MISSING	1	1	0.44%	0.00%
TOTAL	229	217	100.00%	-5.24%

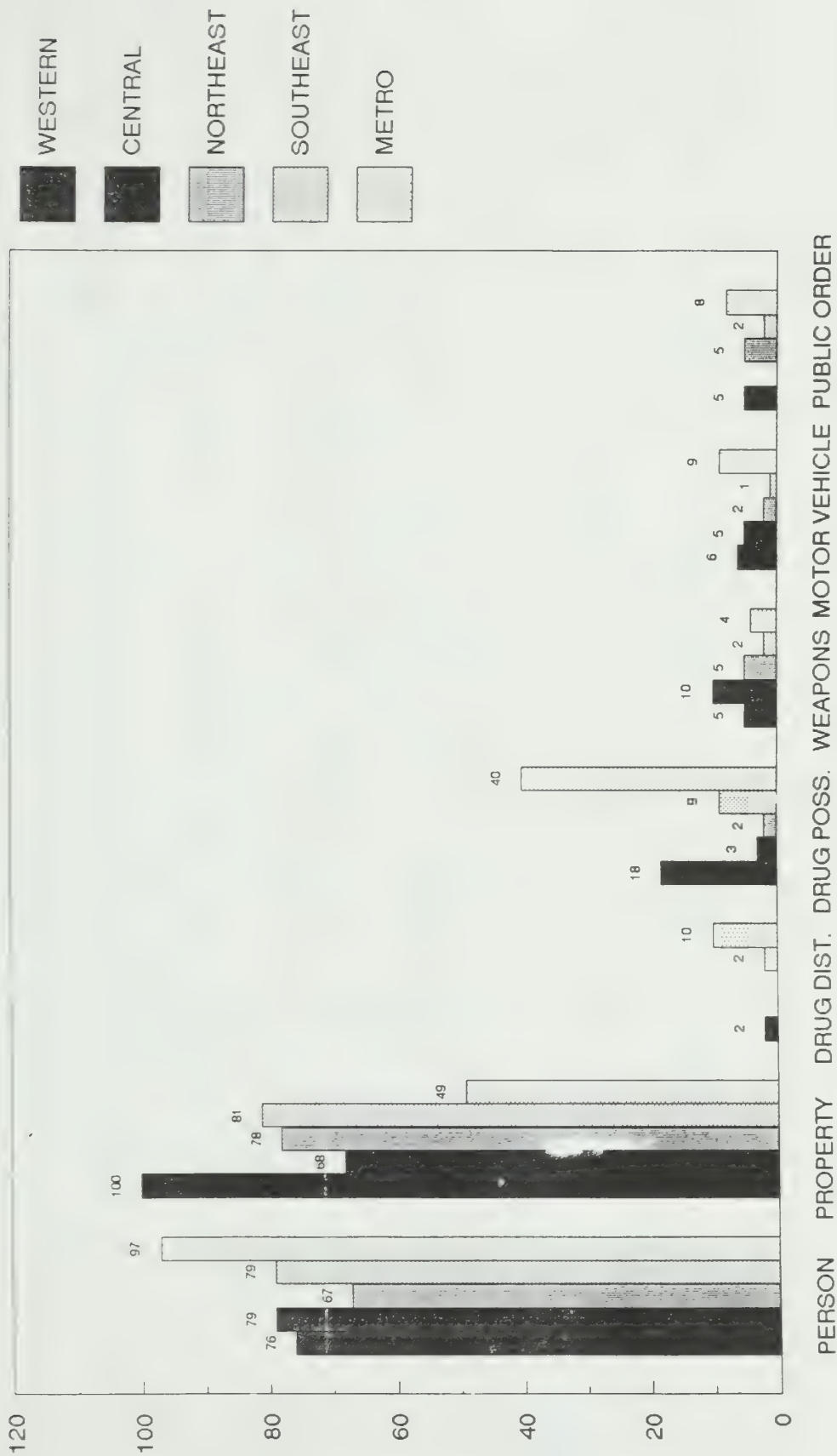
NEW COMMITMENTS BY PARENTS MARITAL STATUS				
	1992	1993		% CHANGE
MARRIED/LIVING TOGETHER	27	9	11.79%	-66.67%
DIVORCED/SEPARATED	59	43	25.76%	-27.12%
NEVER MARRIED	106	41	46.29%	-61.32%
EITHER OR BOTH DECEASED	21	12	9.17%	-42.86%
OTHER	16	66	6.99%	312.50%
MISSING	0	46	0.00%	-
TOTAL	229	217	100.00%	-5.24%



# GRAPH 4

## NEW COMMITMENTS BY REGION AND OFFENSE TYPE

### 1993







**TABLE VII**  
**OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO		STATEWIDE	
	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%	N	ROW%	COL%
OFFENSE TYPE:												
AGAINST PERSON	76	19.1%	35.8%	79	19.8%	47.9%	67	16.8%	42.1%	79	19.8%	44.9%
AGAINST PROPERTY	100	26.6%	47.2%	68	18.1%	41.2%	78	20.7%	49.1%	81	21.5%	46.0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	2	14.3%	1.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	2	14.3%	1.1%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	18	25.0%	13.2%	3	4.2%	3.5%	2	2.8%	2.2%	9	12.5%	9.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE	5	19.2%	2.4%	10	38.5%	6.1%	5	19.2%	3.1%	2	7.7%	1.1%
WEAPONS OFFENSE	6	26.1%	2.8%	5	21.7%	3.0%	2	8.7%	1.3%	1	4.3%	0.6%
PUBLIC ORDER	5	25.0%	2.4%	0	0.0%	0.0%	5	25.0%	3.1%	2	10.0%	1.1%
TOTAL	212	-	105%	165	-	102%	159	-	101%	176	-	104%
										217	-	115%
										929		100.0%



**TABLE VIII**  
**SPECIFIC OFFENSE TYPE BY REGION**

	WESTERN		CENTRAL		NORTHEAST		SOUTHEAST		METRO		ROW TOTAL	
	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	ROW% COL%	N	COL%
OFFENSE												
MURDER	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	2	0.2%
MANSLAUGHTER	2	28.6%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	2	28.6%	7	0.8%
ARMED ASSAULT	31	17.7%	31	17.7%	24	13.7%	32	18.3%	57	32.6%	175	18.8%
UNARMED ASSAULT	32	28.3%	18	15.9%	24	21.2%	20	17.7%	19	16.8%	113	12.2%
ARMED ROBBERY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	2	13.3%	11	73.3%	15	1.6%
UNARMED ROBBERY	2	15.4%	3	23.1%	1	7.7%	3	23.1%	4	30.8%	13	1.4%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	8	15.4%	18	34.6%	10	19.2%	15	28.8%	1	1.9%	52	5.6%
KIDNAPPING	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	0.0%
THREATS, ETC.	1	4.8%	8	19.5%	5	23.8%	5	23.8%	2	9.5%	21	2.3%
TOTAL PERSON	76	19.1%	79	11.0%	67	10.5%	79	13.8%	97	24.4%	398	42.8%
ARSON	5	38.5%	1	7.7%	2	15.4%	4	30.8%	1	7.7%	13	1.4%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	41	28.7%	32	22.4%	27	18.9%	36	25.2%	7	4.9%	143	15.4%
LARCENY	28	25.9%	20	18.5%	16	14.8%	26	24.1%	18	16.7%	108	11.6%
REC. STOLEN PROPERTY	21	27.3%	6	7.8%	18	23.4%	10	13.0%	22	28.6%	77	8.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	5	14.3%	9	25.7%	15	42.9%	5	14.3%	1	2.9%	35	3.8%
TOTAL PROPERTY	100	26.6%	68	18.1%	78	20.7%	81	21.5%	49	13.0%	376	40.5%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	14.3%	10	71.4%	14	1.5%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	18	25.0%	7	4.2%	2	2.8%	9	12.5%	40	55.6%	72	7.8%
TOTAL DRUG	20	23.3%	7	3.5%	2	2.3%	11	12.8%	50	58.1%	86	9.3%
WEAPONS	6	26.1%	21.7%	3.0%	2	8.7%	1	4.3%	9	39.1%	23	2.5%
TOTAL WEAPONS	6	26.1%	21.7%	3.0%	2	8.7%	1	4.3%	9	39.1%	23	2.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE	5	19.2%	10	38.5%	5	19.2%	2	7.7%	4	15.4%	26	2.8%
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	5	19.2%	10	38.5%	5	19.2%	2	7.7%	4	15.4%	26	2.8%
SEX OFFENSES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
PUBLIC ORDER	5	27.8%	0	0.0%	4	22.2%	1	5.6%	8	44.4%	18	1.9%
FRAUD	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL PUBLIC ORDER	5	25.0%	0	0.0%	5	25.0%	2	10.0%	8	40.0%	20	2.2%
TOTAL OFFENSE	212	22.8%	165	10.0%	159	10.7%	176	13.3%	217	18.9%	929	100.0%

\*POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS



## SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHIC AND OFFENSE TRENDS 1986 – 1993

### COMMIT- MENTS:

New commitments to the Department of Youth Services continue to rise with 929 youth entering for the first time in 1993. This marked a record year for the Department in terms of numbers of newly committed youth.

### SEX:

The number of females committed to the Department declined in 1993, continuing a trend which began in the mid 1980's. In 1988, females constituted 11% of the new commitments to the Department, and only 6% in 1993. Conversely, the number of males committed to the Department rose markedly for the second straight year.

### RACE:

In 1993 the percentage of white youth committed to the department increased more than 9% from 1992. This jump caused non-minority youth newly committed to the Department to outnumber minority youth for the first time since 1988. The percentage of newly committed Hispanic youth, on the other hand, dropped by 9% bringing the number of these youth down to levels unmatched since the mid-80's. Youth in the 'other' racial category represented 6% of youth committed in 1993, the highest number since 1986.

### OFFENSE:

The number of youth committed on person offenses (398 (43%)) continue to outnumber youth entering the Department by other offense types in 1993. This number represents a 127 youth or 12% increase from 1985. Commitments on property offenses, on the other hand, have shown a steady decline (-75 or 11% from 1985).





**TABLE IX**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE**  
1986 - 1993

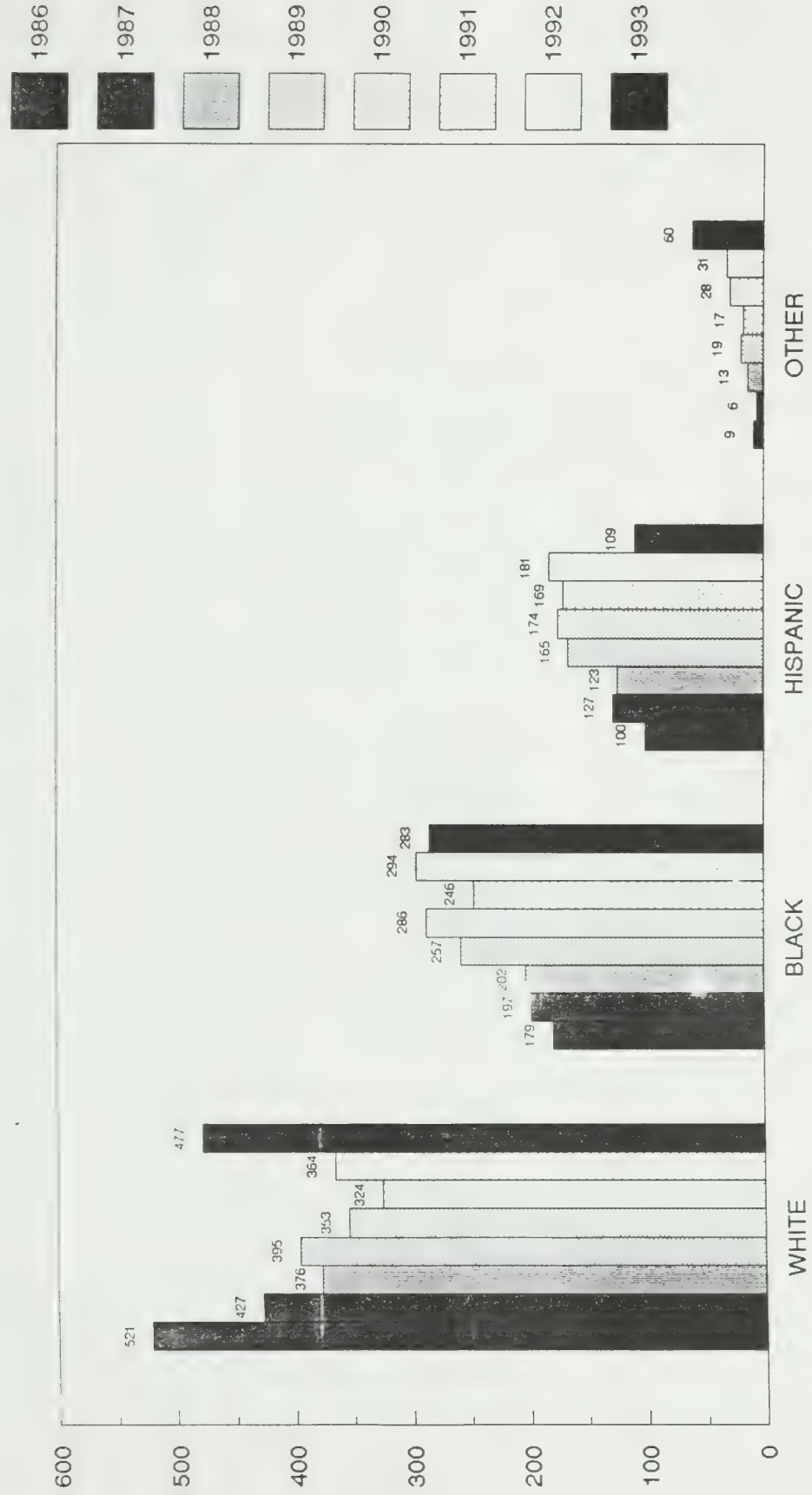
	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
RACE:																
TOTAL	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%	767	100%	870	100%	929	100%
WHITE	521	64%	427	56%	376	53%	395	47%	353	43%	324	42%	364	42%	477	51%
BLACK	179	22%	197	26%	202	28%	257	31%	286	34%	246	32%	294	34%	283	30%
HISPANIC	100	12%	127	17%	123	17%	165	20%	174	21%	169	22%	181	21%	109	12%
OTHER	9	1%	6	1%	13	2%	19	2%	17	2%	28	4%	31	4%	60	6%

**TABLE X**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY SEX**  
1986 - 1993

	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
SEX:																
TOTAL	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%	767	100%	870	100%	929	100%
MALE	721	89%	659	87%	632	89%	764	91%	769	93%	703	92%	803	92%	871	94%
FEMALE	88	11%	98	13%	82	11%	72	9%	61	7%	64	8%	67	8%	58	6%



# GRAPH 5 NEW COMMITMENTS BY RACE 1986 - 1993





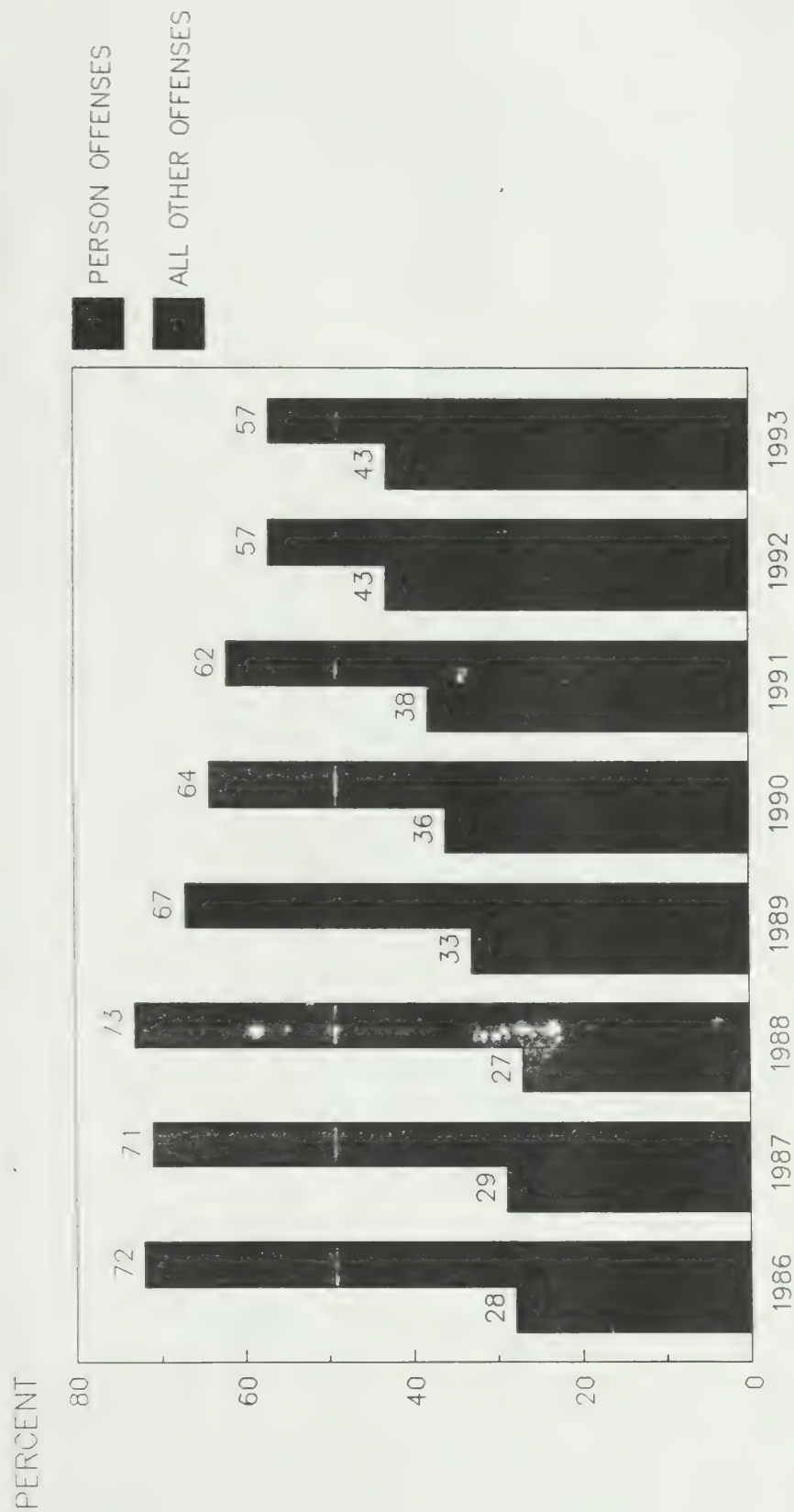


**TABLE XI**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY REGION**  
**1986 - 1993**

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
	N %	N %	N %	N %	N %	N %	N %	N %
REGION:								
TOTAL	809 100%	757 100%	714 100%	836 100%	830 100%	767 100%	870 100%	929 100%
WESTERN	147 18%	160 21%	159 22%	185 22%	203 24%	164 21%	184 10%	212 23%
CENTRAL	157 19%	121 16%	131 18%	152 18%	139 17%	141 18%	158 9%	165 18%
NORTHEAST	157 19%	122 16%	133 19%	140 17%	126 15%	113 15%	130 7%	159 17%
SOUTHEAST	140 17%	146 19%	125 18%	148 18%	140 17%	136 18%	169 9%	176 19%
METRO	208 26%	208 27%	166 23%	211 25%	222 27%	213 28%	229 13%	217 23%



GRAPH 6  
NEW COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE TYPE  
1986 - 1993





**TABLE XII**  
**NEW COMMITMENTS BY OFFENSE TYPE**  
**1986-1993**

	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	837	100%	830	100%	767	100%	870	100%	929	100%
PERSON	223	28%	221	29%	185	26%	261	31%	286	34%	277	36%	375	43%	398	43%
PROPERTY	437	54%	389	51%	345	48%	393	47%	345	42%	327	43%	328	38%	376	40%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	35	4%	39	5%	65	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%	0	0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	49	6%	75	9%	58	8%	28	3%	72	8%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	38	5%	32	4%	24	3%	17	2%	14	2%
MOTOR VEHICLE	52	6%	58	8%	66	9%	38	5%	36	4%	36	5%	17	2%	26	3%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	0	0%	3	0%	1	0%	10	1%	27	3%	18	2%	27	3%	23	2%
PUBLIC ORDER	62	8%	47	6%	52	7%	48	6%	29	3%	27	4%	73	8%	20	2%

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TABLE XIII  
NEW COMMITMENTS BY SPECIFIC OFFENSE  
1985 - 1993

	1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	879	100%	809	100%	757	100%	714	100%	836	100%	830	100%	767	100%	870	100%	929	100%
MURDER	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	3	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%
MANSLAUGHTER	4	0%	0	0%	4	1%	5	1%	3	0%	7	1%	10	1%	2	0%	7	1%
ARMED ASSAULT	80	9%	76	9%	86	11%	60	8%	95	11%	128	15%	116	15%	191	22%	175	19%
UNARMED ASSAULT	79	9%	62	8%	57	8%	54	8%	79	9%	83	10%	84	11%	99	11%	113	12%
ARMED ROBBERY	23	3%	13	2%	14	2%	10	1%	14	2%	10	1%	15	2%	19	2%	15	2%
UNARMED ROBBERY	28	3%	26	3%	17	2%	11	2%	17	2%	8	1%	14	2%	13	1%	13	1%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	43	5%	39	5%	33	4%	37	5%	38	5%	38	5%	30	4%	33	4%	52	6%
KIDNAPPING	2	0%	1	0%	1	0%	3	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
THREATS, ETC.	9	1%	4	0%	6	1%	3	0%	12	1%	9	1%	6	1%	17	2%	21	2%
TOTAL PERSON	271	31%	223	28%	221	29%	185	26%	261	31%	286	34%	277	36%	375	43%	398	43%
ARSON	13	1%	19	2%	13	2%	13	2%	4	0%	11	1%	10	1%	16	2%	13	1%
BURGLARY AND PBT*	205	23%	169	21%	160	21%	126	18%	162	19%	134	16%	130	17%	118	14%	143	15%
LARCENY	160	18%	163	20%	141	19%	124	17%	139	17%	111	13%	100	13%	99	11%	108	12%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	27	3%	42	5%	39	5%	43	6%	61	7%	65	8%	64	8%	75	9%	77	8%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	46	5%	44	5%	36	5%	39	5%	26	3%	24	3%	23	3%	20	2%	35	4%
TOTAL PROPERTY	451	51%	437	54%	389	51%	345	48%	392	47%	345	42%	327	43%	328	38%	376	40%
MOTOR VEHICLE	59	7%	52	6%	58	8%	66	9%	38	5%	36	4%	36	5%	17	2%	26	3%
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	59	7%	52	6%	58	8%	66	9%	38	5%	36	4%	36	5%	17	2%	26	3%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**	32	4%	35	4%	39	5%	65	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	1%	0	0%
DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	49	6%	75	9%	58	8%	28	3%	14	2%
POSSESSION OF DRUGS	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	38	5%	32	4%	24	3%	17	2%	72	8%
TOTAL DRUG	32	4%	35	4%	39	5%	65	9%	87	10%	107	13%	82	11%	50	6%	86	9%
WEAPONS	1	0%	0	0%	3	0%	1	0%	10	1%	27	3%	18	2%	27	3%	23	2%
TOTAL WEAPONS	1	0%	0	0%	3	0%	1	0%	10	1%	27	3%	18	2%	27	3%	23	2%
SEX OFFENSES	9	1%	5	1%	6	1%	5	1%	3	0%	5	1%	2	0%	27	3%	2	0%
FRAUD	2	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
PUBLIC ORDER	54	6%	53	7%	39	5%	47	7%	43	5%	24	3%	25	3%	45	5%	18	2%
TOTAL PUBLIC ORDER	65	7%	61	8%	47	6%	52	7%	48	6%	29	3%	27	4%	73	8%	20	2%
UNSPECIFIED DELINQUENCY	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
MISSING	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

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